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ABRIDGMENT  
OF THE  
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OF THE  
General Assemblies  
OF THE  
*Church of Scotland:*

Beginning with  
The GENERAL ASSEMBLY held at  
*Glasgow*, in the Year 1638.  
And ending with  
The GENERAL ASSEMBLY held at  
*Edinburgh*, in May 1720.

To which are Prefixed, Lists of the Noble and Honourable Persons, that represented our SEVERAL REGIONS in the *General Assemblies*; of the several Moderators of our Assemblies; And of all the *Presbyters* of the Church of Scotland, according to the Order of the several Synods thereof.

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# ADVERTISEMENT.



Began this Abridgment in the Year 1706, and brought it up to the End of that Year's Assembly: But the Reverend Mr. Bell's Abridgment having come Abroad about that Time, I laid mine aside, supposing that his would serve the End I had in View.

But now that there having been Fourteen Assemblies held since that Abridgment was published, in which have passed many Acts of great Importance; That the Copies of the said Abridgment are, for the most part sold off; and that I find a more full Narration, than what it gives, of the standing Acts of the Assembly, is much desired: I have finished mine to the End of the Assembly 1720.

I have inserted very fully the Statutory Part of all the standing and perpetual Acts of Assembly; and even such Part of the Narrations as seemed necessary for clearing the Sense and Meaning of the Acts: And I have done it in the very precise Words in which the Acts stand conceived. I have set down whatever I found remarkable, or judged material in the Assemblies Addresses, Declarations, Exhortations, Letters, and other Papers recorded amongst their printed Acts: And I have given such an Account of the Overtures that are printed with the Acts, and have been transmitted to Presbyteries; but not yet approved, and also of the temporary Acts; as I thought might put the Ministers and Elders of our Church in a

Condition to judge of the Expediency of approving and passing the One, or renewing and perpetuating the Other: So that I believe there will seldom happen a Case wherein the Reader will need to consult the Acts at large.

Because, I know diverse Persons will have different Notions about the principal Word in every Act, that should be put as the Title or Head, under which the Acts relating to the same Subject should be placed, I have made the Heads so many, and pointed the Reader by References from each of them, so directly to the Place in which I thought the Acts fell properly to be taken in, that he can hardly miss, at least, at the second View, to find out the Act he searches for.

And, because it frequently occurs, that sundry of the Acts collected under the same Head, contain other Purposes, besides that which is chiefly thereby enacted, and that the Subject, perhaps, which the Reader looks for, is to be found only in one or more of the said Acts, I have described all the Acts under the same Head with Figures, and have guided the Reader by References to the particular Acts containing the Purpose he seeks for, to save him the tedious Labour of reading over a multitude of long Acts, for a Matter that is to be found, it may be, but in one of them. I have also directed the Reader to these Places where the Acts mentioned as ratified, or repealed, or otherwise altered, are to be found, that he may, without looking into the Acts at large, or much Trouble in turning over this Abridgment, have both the Principal Acts, and these referred to in his Eye at the same Time.

I cannot promise, that in doing all this, no Escapes have happened: but I hope, they shall not be found very material: And if this Essay, which was well intended, shall prove useful, I'll expect the Mistakes or Errors will be the more easily pardoned.

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Yearly

of the following *Abridgment*.

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**LIST** of the Noble and Honourable  
PERSONS that have represented our  
SOVEREIGNS in the General Assemblies of our CHURCH, from the Year  
1638, to the Year 1720, both *Inclusive*.

**I**N Assembly 1638, the Marquess, afterwards Duke of  
*Hamilton*.

Assembly 1639, The Earl of Traquair.

Assembly 1640, No Commissioners.

Assembly 1641, Earl of Wemyss.

Assembly 1642, Earl of Dunfermling.

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Assembly 1692, Robert Earl, afterwards Marquess of  
*Sabine*.

Assemblies 1700 and 1703, James Viscount, afterwards  
Earl of *Sagefield*, now Earl of *Southey*.

Assemblies 1701, 1705, and 1711, William Earl, after-  
wards Marquess of *Annandale*.

Assembly 1702, Patrick Earl of *Marchmont*.

Assembly 1704, William Lord *Ross*.

Assemblies 1706, 1707, 1708, 1709, 1710, David Earl of  
*Clackmannon*.

Assemblies 1712, 1715, and 1714, His Grace John Duke  
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Assemblies 1716, 1726, 1717, 1728, 1719, and 1720, John  
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**LIST**

# LIST of the several MODERATORS of our General Assemblies, from 1638, to 1720, both *Inclusive*.

- 1, 6. **A**ssemblies Glasgow 1638, and Edinburgh 1643, Mr. Alexander Henderson,
2. Assembly Edinburgh 1639, Mr. David Dickson,
- 3, 4. Assemblies Aberdeen 1640, and St. Andrews and Edinburgh 1641, Mr. Andrew Ramsay,
- 5, 8, 10, 12. Assemblies St. Andrews 1642, and Edinburgh 1645, 1647, and 1649, Mr. Robert Douglas,
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- 14 & 17. Assemblies ——— 1692, 1697, Mr. William Crichton,
15. Assembly ——— 1694, Mr. John Lee,
- 16, 18, 20. Assemblies ——— 1695, and 1696, Mr. Patrick Simpson,
- 25, & 23. Assemblies ——— 1698 and 1703, Mr. George Milne,
19. Assembly ——— 1699, Mr. George Hamilton,
20. Assembly ——— 1700, Mr. David Blair,
21. & 24. Assemblies ——— 1701, & 1704, Mr. Thomas Wilkie,
22. Assembly ——— 1702, Mr. David Williamson,
- 23, 25, 27, & 35. Assemblies ——— 1703, 1708, 1711, & 1715, Mr. William Cuthbertson,
- 26, 33, & 38. Assemblies ——— 1706, 1713, and 1719, Mr. William Withers,
27. Assembly ——— 1707, Mr. John Darling,
28. Assembly ——— 1709, Mr. John Curry,
- 29, 34, & 37. Assemblies ——— 1710, 1714, & 1717, Mr. William Milne,
- 36 & 40. Assemblies ——— 1712, 1716, and 1717, Mr. William Hamilton,
39. Assembly ——— 1719, Mr. James Grieve,



AN  
ABRIDGMENT  
OF THE  
ACTS  
OF

The GENERAL ASSEMBLIES  
of the Church of *Scotland*.

Digested into HEADS, set down after  
the Order of the Alphabet.

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*Aberdeen*, see *Angus*, see *North*, Act 14. § 6;  
10, &c.

*Abjuration Oath*, see *Unity in the Church*,  
see *Grievances of the Church*.



THE Proceedings of the Commis-  
sion of the Assembly 1711, about  
the Oath of Abjuration, and  
more especially the Address and  
Representation made to the Queen  
in that Matter, are approved, and  
judged to have been true, duti-  
ful, faithful and most seasonable,  
and the said Address is, by Order  
of Assembly, insert *Verbatim* in the  
Act; and the Assembly does in the Words of the fore-  
said Oath, solemnly declare and ascertain their Allegi-  
ance to the Queen, their disowning and disclaiming the  
Pretender,



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*Presbyter*, and they promise to maintain the Protestant Succession, and do most seriously obtest all the Ministers and Members of this Church, whatever may be their different Practice, to entertain a good Understanding herein. *Act 16. Ass. 1712.*

II. THE Assembly, in an Address to the Queen, do suggest to her Majesty, That a Scruple remained with many, as if the Conditions mentioned in the Acts of Parliament, establishing the Succession to the Crown, referred to in the Oath of Abjuration, were to be understood as a Part thereof, which is judged inconsistent with their known Principles; and therefore plead to be relieved in the Terms of the Treaty and Articles of Union; and they do renew the Declaration and Assertion of their Loyalty to her, and their Concern for the Protestant Succession, which is express in the Act last above inserted, and do declare their Willingness, to affirm the Points thereof by their great Oath, if thereto required: And do therefore earnestly plead, that such as may remain unclear, as to the taking of the Oath as it stands, may be favourably regarded by her Majesty, as her most loyal and dutiful Subjects; and that she would interpose for their Relief. *Act 17. Ass. 1712.*

*Abroad, see Children, &c. see Papists.*

ALL young Men educated in this Church, or Students of Divinity are discharged to go to Foreign Places, and there offer themselves to Trials, for Licence to Preach the Gospel, and Ordination to the Holy Ministry, unless they carry along with them sufficient Testimonials from the Professors of Divinity under whom they studied, if they have attended the Profession of Divinity, and from the Minister of the Parish, and Presbytery of the Bounds where they resided: And Presbyteries are discharged to grant such Testimonials, except upon due Enquiry into the Person's Life and Conversation, Soundness in the Faith, Proficiency in Studies and Abilities, and Fitness for the Ministerial Function: And the Commission is appointed to acquaint Ministers in Foreign Places, where young Men or Students not certified as above, may be, with this Act, and advertise them what Testimonials they ought to receive. *Act 12. Ass. 1711.*

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According, see *Fugitives from Discipline.*  
*Absence of Husbands.*

If a married Woman, whose Husband has been absent beyond the ordinary Time that Women use to go with Child, be found with Child, this may give Ground to a Kirk Session for a Process against her; but in this Case, Judicatories would prudently consider all Circumstances, and whether the Person has been always of entire Fame before, and how the publick Fame now runs! *Form Proc. Cap. 4. § 4. Act 11. Ass. 1707.*

*Absence of the Party, see Probation, see Excommunication the Greater, § 7, 8, &c.*

*Absents, see Presbyterial Meetings, Ordering the Assembly House, Assemblies, Act 3. Commissions of Assemblies, Act 41, 43, 44.*

I. THAT Absents from Presbyteries be Censured. *Act Sess. 23, 24. Decemb. 17, 18. Ass. 1638.*

II. THAT every Commissioner from Presbyteries and Universities, who shall be absent from the Assembly, without a reasonable Excuse notified to the Assembly; or, who being present, shall go from the Assembly before the dissolving thereof, without Licence, shall be suspended by the Assembly, until the Provincial Synod next thereafter following. *Act Sess. 27. Aug. ult. Ass. 1647.*

*Absolution, see Gross Scandals.*

I. A Person censured and absolved from his Scandal in another Congregation than where he lives, is to bring a Testimonial of his Absolution, which is to be intimated in the Congregation he lives in, if the Scandal be also flagrant there, otherwise it will be sufficient to intimate the same to the Session; and the same is to be done in the Case of the Profession of Repentance, where there has been a Sentence of the Lesser Excommunication. *Form Proc. Cap. 4. § 19. Act 11. Ass. 1707.*

II. If after Excommunication, Signs of Repentance appear in the Excommunicated Person, and an humble Desire of recovering Peace with God and his People, and to be restored to the Communion of the Church, and the Presbytery, upon his Application, be satisfied therewith, and give Warrant for his Absolution, he is to be brought before the Congregation, to make free Confession of his Sin, and Sorrow for it; and this Appearance is to be as often, as shall be found for Edification, and Trial of the professing Penitent's Sincerity: And being satisfied in this, the Minister and Congregation are to praise God, for his blessing the Ordinance, and making it effectual. But before the Minister proceed to Absolution, he is to pray, with the Congregation, That God would mercifully accept his Creature, the Person to be absolved, and that it would please God, by his Spirit and Grace, to make him a sincere and unfeigned Penitent, and so to accept him, that his former Disobedience may never be laid to his Charge; and that he may increase in all Godliness, and Satan in the End may be trodden under Foot by the Power of our Lord Jesus Christ, and God may be glorified, the Church edified, and the Penitent saved in the Day of the Lord. *Form Proc. Cap. 9. § 1. Act 11. Ass. 1707.* Then shall follow the Sentence of Absolution, in these, or the like Words: *Whereas, thou N. has been, for thy Sins, shut out from the Communion of the Faithful, and has now manifested thy Repentance, wherein the Church resteth satisfied; I, in the Name of the Lord Jesus, before this Congregation, pronounce and declare thee absolved from the Sentence of Excommunication formerly denounced against thee, and do receive thee to the Communion of the Church, and the free Use of all the Ordinances of Christ, that thou mayest be Partaker of all his Benefits, to thy eternal Salvation.* Ibid. § 2. After the Sentence of Absolution, the Minister speaketh to him as a Brother, exhorting him to watch and pray, and comforting him as there shall be Cause. The Elders embrace, and the whole Congregation holdeth Communion with him as one of their own; and the Absolution should be intimated in all the Churches where the Excommunication was intimated. *Ibid. § 3.*

*Accusers, see Informers, see Ministers, Act 5.*

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Acts of Assembly, see Novations.

I. THAT all Acts made anent keeping of the Assemblies be observed. *As Sess. 23, 24. Decemb. 17, 18. Ass. 1638. Art. 9.*

II. ALL Commissioners from Presbyteries, Burghs and Universities, ordained to get under the Clerk's Hand an *Index* of the Acts, till the Acts themselves be extracted, and thereafter to get the full Extract of the whole general Acts to be insert in their Presbytery Books; whereby all their Proceedings may be regulate in Time coming. Likeas, 'tis recommended to every Kirk Session to obtain an Extract of these Acts, *As Sess. 26, Decemb. 20. Ass. 1638.* This Act innovated by the following Acts.

III. AN Overture, That some Commissioners be appointed to visite and peruse the whole Acts of General Assemblies, and to mark such Acts as are for the Use of the Kirk in general, and to extract the same out of the Registers, to the Effect, that after they be tried they may be printed, according to the old Act of the Assembly at *Edinburgh, March 7. 1574. Sess. 9.* is allowed and remitted to the Care of the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, and they to Report to the next Assembly. *As Sess. 22. Aug. 29. Ass. 1639. Art. 1.*

IV. 'TIS recommended to every Parish and Session, to buy the printed Acts of the Assembly, and Presbyteries are ordained to crave Account thereof from every Minister, before their going to Provincial Assemblies; and that every Provincial Assembly crave Account from Presbyteries in their Trials, if every Session be so provided, and that they try the Diligence of Presbyteries and Ministers used for that Effect. *As Sess. 18. Feb. 12. Ass. 1645.*

V. 'TIS Enacted, That when any Thing of publick Concern and great Weight is proposed to the Assembly, to be past as Overtures, or Acts, for a standing Rule to the Church, after the first Reading, it be delayed till the next Day of the Assembly's Sitting, and ly on the Table to be seen and considered by all Members; and likewise, when any Thing is past, as Overtures, by the Assembly, that all and every Presbytery read them publicly in their Presbyterial Meeting, once before the first Meeting of the Synod next after the Assembly, and



consider them, and that this be recorded in their Presbytery Book, and enquired into by their Synods in visiting Presbytery Books. And it is recommended to all Presbyteries, to send in an Account of their Judgment and Opinion thereanent, with their Commissioners to the Assembly, in Writ, but as briefly as may be, and the Overtures to be printed after the Acts. And it is appointed that each Minister and Kirk Session have a Copy of all the printed Acts of the Assembly; and that Enquiry be made into this at Presbyterial and Synodical Censures, and their Diligence Recorded, *Act 16. Ass. 1700.*

VI. 'Tis recommended to the several Presbyteries and Kirk Sessions, who want the Acts of former Assemblies, to furnish themselves therewith; and the Agent for the Kirk is appointed in all Time coming, after every Assembly, as soon as the Acts thereof shall be printed, to transmit as many Copies of the same to every Presbytery within the Kingdom, as will serve them, and each Parish within their Bounds; and both Presbyteries and Sessions are ordained, at their first Meeting after receiving the said Acts, to cause read the same, at least so many of them as are of publick Concern, and which relate to themselves, in order to their observing thereof, and all this to be upon the Charges of the several Presbyteries and Sessions; and Synods are enjoined to enquire at Presbyteries, how this Act is observed, and cause mark their Diligence thereanent in their Books, and the Commission to use their Endeavours that this Act may be made effectual, and duly observed by these concerned. *Act 18. Ass. 1705.*

*Acts of Parliament, see Pecunial Pains, see Penalties.*

*Acts of Provincial Assemblies, see Provincial Assemblies.*

*Act of Secret Council, see Confession of Faith. Adamson, (Mr. John) see Separatists.*

*Addresses, see Representation, see Abjuration.*

I. ADDRESS by the Assembly to King William, upon the Occasion of the Peace concluded at Ryswick, betwixt  
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his Majesty and his Allies, and the French King. *As 4. Ass. 1698.*

II. ADDRESS by the Assembly to Queen Anne, representing the Church's Grievances from the extraordinary Growth of Popery, the Disorders of some of the Episcopal Clergy, and the Abounding of Immorality and Prophaneness, and begging Redress. *As 8. Ass. 1703.*

III. ADDRESS by the Assembly to the Queen, humbly thanking her for her tender Care of this Church, and for her gracious Answer to the Address of their Brethren, the distressed and persecuted Protestants of France. *As 18. Ass. 1707.*

IV. AN other Address, congratulating with her Majesty, the defeating of the late Attempt of an Invasion from France in favour of the Pretender. *As 5. Ass. 1708.*

V. THE Assembly addresses the Queen, begging, That she would give Countenance to such Requests as might be laid before her, by their Commission, for a Redress of the Church's Grievances, and would interpose her Royal Authority for that End. *As 18. Ass. 1712.*

VI. THE Assembly, in an Address, Congratulates her Majesty, upon her Recovery from a late Indisposition. *As 4. Ass. 1714.*

VII. THE Assembly, by an Address, lays before the Queen, the extraordinary Growth of Popery, and Insolence of Priests and Papists, by avowedly keeping, and resorting to Chappels and Mass-meetings, and also the Disorders of some of the Episcopal Clergy. They vindicate themselves from the Aspersions of Disloyalty cast upon them, by those who are disaffected to the Protestant Succession and Church Establishment; and they regret the abounding of Error and Prophanity; and humbly entreat for a vigorous Execution of the Laws against Popery and Prophaneness; and that all Practices and Attempts against Religion and the Church Establishment might be prevented and punished. *As 12. Ass. 1714.*

VIII. THE Assembly, in an Address, do Congratulate his Majesty King George, in most affectionate Expressions, upon the suppressing of the late Rebellion. *As 6. Ass. 1716.*

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**Admission of Ministers,** see *Intrants*, see *Ex-pectants*, see *Ministers Admission*.

**Admonition,** see *Single Acts of Scandal*, see *Uncleanness*, see *Appeals*, *Act 6. § 8.* see *Ministers*, *Act 5. § 8.* see *Excommunication the Greater*, § 8, 9.

**Advising of Causes.**

**AFTER** Depositions are ended, and Parties removed, the Judicatory at the same Time, or some After-Diet thereto appointed, are to advise the Cause, and in doing thereof to Reason calmly, speaking always to the Moderator one after another, without interrupting one another, using no reflecting Language to or of one another, nor too long Harangues or Digressions. *Form Proc. Cap. 2: § 15. Act 11. Ass. 1707.*

**Adulteries,** see *Gross Sins*, see *Remedies of Sins*, and there *Ecclesiastick Remedy against Prophaneness*, see *Gross Scandals*.

**Is a Woman with Child** confess she was not forced, but doth not know the Man, whether Married or Unmarried, the same Censure is to be inflicted upon her, as in the Case of Adultery. *Form Proc. Cap. 4. § 11. in fine. Act 11. Ass. 1707.*

**Affairs publick,** see *Commissions of Assemblies*.

**Age of Ministers,** see *Ministers Admission*.

**Allowance to Probationers sent to the North,** see *North*, *Act 14. § 6.*

**Ambitus reus,** see *Ministers*, and there *Corruptions in their Office*, § 13.

**Anabaptistical Errors,** see *Books Erroneous*.

**Angus and Meana,** see *Correspondents*.

**I. THE** Provincial of Angus, ordained to keep their first Meeting upon the 3d Tuesday of April, conform to the

the Act of the Assembly at Glasgow, Sess. 7. March 26. 1638. *Act Sess. 13. Aug. 6. Ass. 1642. prope finem.*

II. THE Synod of Angus and Mearns disjoined from that of Aberdeen, and appointed to meet in two distinct Synods, in their usual Places, according to *Act 1638.* Which see in *Provincial Assemblies, Act 7. Ass. 1701.*

Anneration, see Stranrawer Presbytery, see Dalry.

Answer, see Letter, see Declaration.

Antinomian Errors, see Books Erroneous.

Apology for Bourignon, see Bourignon.

Apostates, see Papists and Popery.

Appeals or Appellations, see Transplantations, &c. Citation, Assemblies,

I. THAT in all Time thereafter, no Appellations be leaping over either Presbytery or Synod, but to ascend by Degrees; as, from the Kirk-session to the Presbytery, or from the Presbytery to the Synod, and from the Synod to the General Assembly; except it be after the Synod be past, and immediately before the General Assembly, or in the Time thereof: And all former Acts made to this Effect are renewed. *Act Sess. 23. Aug. 30. Ass. 1639. prope finem.*

II. THAT the foresaid Act anent Appellations, be extended also to References; and that in Appellations and References of particular Concernment, if all Parties having Interest, have been present in the inferior Judicatory when the Appeal and Reference was made, then there is no Necessity of Citation: But in case of their Absence, Citation of Parties is so necessary, that if it be wanting, Appellations and References should not be received. *Item, That conform to former Acts of Assemblies, Appellations post Sententiam be made within 10 Days after the Sentence, and otherwise not to be respected. Overt. Sess. 2. Art. 3, 4, 5. Aug. 3. Ass. 1643.*

III. FOR clearing the Sense of *Art. 5.* abovementioned, it is declared, That if Appellations *post latam Sententiam*, be not presented to the Judicatory, when the Sentence is pronounced, the Party shall then immediately after



after the Sentence, protest for Liberty of Appeal, as he shall see Cause; and accordingly within 10 Days shall give in his Appeal in Writ under his Hand, either to the Judicatory, or the Moderator thereof, otherwise the Appeal is not to be respected. *Act Sess. 30. Aug. 3. 1648.*

IV. THAT any Appeals made in Writ under the Appellant's Hand, with the Reasons thereof, in Presence of the Judicatory appealed from, shall be Extracted by the Appellant in due Form, from the Records of the said Judicatory, and produced to the Judicatory appealed to, at the discussing thereof, with a Citation of the Parties Defenders therein, either *apud ista*, if they be present when the Appeal is made, or a separate Citation, if they be absent; and that all Parties, who have immediately after Sentence verbally appealed, and protested for Liberty to give in their subscribed Appeals, with the Reasons thereof, within the Space of 10 Days thereafter, according to the former Practice, shall, within that Space, give in their said subscribed Appeals, with the Reasons thereof, to the Clerk of the Judicatory appealed from, notwithstanding it may be up before that Time: And likewise, that they shall within the same 10 Days, intimate their said Appeal, with the Reasons of the same, to the Moderator of the said Judicatory, and leave an authentick Copy thereof with him. Which Appeals and Reasons, are allowed to be registrate by the Clerk, and Summons to be directed by him, for citing the Parties Defenders thereupon, and Extracts thereof, with the Citation foresaid, are appointed to be produced by the Appellants at discussing, to the Judicatory appealed to; and the Clerk of the Judicatory appealed from, is appointed to intimate to the said Judicatory, at their first Meeting thereafter, that such Appeals were given in to him; and all Defenders in Appeals, who insist for discussing thereof, are appointed to produce Extracts of the said Appeal, and Reasons thereof, to the Judicatory appealed to. And it is declared, that any Appeals or Insistings therenant otherwise made, shall be rejected, *Act 8. 1694.*

V. THE Appeals and Protestations made to the Assembly 1696, from the Committee of Assembly 1694, for the North, declared to be deserted and fallen from, &c. because not insisted in before that Assembly. *Act 26. 1695.*

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VI. ALL Persons who judge themselves lesed by a Kirk-session, may appeal to the Presbytery at passing of the Sentence, and should thereupon, according to the foresaid Act 8. Ass. 1694. give in the Appeal, with the Reasons thereof in Writ, to the Moderator, or Clerk of the Session, within 10 Days after Appealing, and procure and present Extracts thereof to the next Meeting of the Presbytery thereafter, if there be at least 10 free Days betwixt the Time of Appealing and the Meeting of the Presbytery, and should then insist; wherein if the Appellant fall, the Appeal *ipso facto* falls, and becomes null, and he is to be held as Contumacious, and proceeded against accordingly by the Kirk-session. *Form. Proc. Cap. 5. § 1. Act 11. Ass. 1707.* When a Cause brought by an Appeal to the Presbytery, is of that Nature as it must at length have come there by the Course of Discipline, before the final Determination thereof; then they may fall upon the Consideration of the Affair, without insisting much upon the *bene* or *male Appellatum*, tho it seems to be preposterously appealed. *Ibid. § 2.* But if the Kirk-session be competent, even to its ultimate Decision, and that there be good Ground to Appeal, the Presbytery is not to sustain the Appeal. *Ibid. § 3.* If the Presbytery do not sustain the Appeal, and find there hath been some Fault, Passion, or culpable Mistake in the Appellant, the Presbytery is to inflict some Censure on these Appalers they find to have been malicious or litigious; and that besides remitting back to the Session, to stand either to the Censure of the Session, if it be inflicted already, or to sit themselves during the Process, if it be depending. *Ibid. § 4.* If the Appeal be sustained, and yet upon Proceeding on the Cause the Presbytery find the Appellant Censurable, then whatever Censure be inflicted to remove the Offence he hath given to the Presbytery; yet the Appellant, if found guilty, is to undergo a Censure, either before the Kirk-session, or Congregation he belongs to, such as the Presbytery thinks he deserves. *Ibid. § 5.* If the Presbytery find the Session has proceeded unwarrantably, and that thereby the Appellant is lesed, he is not only to be assailed, but the Presbytery is to do what's proper and effectual to vindicate his Innocence, and wipe off the Scandal taken at him. *Ibid. § 6.* But this is to be done with great Prudence, that the Session's Authority may not be weakened, if it can be avoided. *Ibid. § 7.* But the Presbytery may  
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Give the Minister and Elders suitable Injunctions and Rules; or private Admonitions, or may revise their Register. § 8. The same Method is to be followed in Appeals from Presbyteries to Synods, and from Synods to General Assemblies. *Ibid.* § 9. An Appeal should sist Execution only while it is duly and diligently prosecuted, and may be determined; otherwise not, unless the Judicatory appealed to, receive the Appeal, and take the Appeal before them; and in that Case, the Judicatory appealed from, is to sist until the Appeal is discuss, *Ibid.* § 10.

Application of Doctrine, see *Silence of Ministers*, see *Ministers*, and there, *Corruptions in their Callings*. § 9.

Arch-Deacons, see *Titles of Dignity*.

Argyle.

THE Presbytery of *Skye* adjoined to the Provincial of *Argyle*. *As. Sess.* 7, in fine. Aug. 3. *As.* 1642.

Army.

I. *As.* Laying down a Method for the more duly supplying of the Regiments in the Army with Ministers, and relieving of such as are sent. *Sess.* 6. June 3. *As.* 1644.

II. It's recommended to Ministers, Kirk-sessions, and others concerned, where any of his Majesty's Forces are, or shall be ordered to be quartered, to provide them with convenient Seats for hearing with the said Congregations, and to inspect and notice them, as they do other Parishioners, during their abode there; and if Need be, to apply to the Commanding Officers, for taking Care, that Inferior Officers and Souldiers attend Ordinances, and walk inoffensively. And it's recommended to the Commission to see how this is performed, and to fall upon Ways to provide the Forces with Preachers, and, upon Application, to settle Ministers in Regiments belonging to this Kingdom. *As.* 13. *As.* 1697.

Arminian Errors, see *Erroneous Doctrine*.

Articles of Perth, see *Evils of the Kirk*.

I. THE Five Articles concluded in *Perth* Assembly, viz.  
 TWO. That the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be Celebrate,  
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by the People, on their Knees. 2do. That it be privately administrated to Persons on Death-bed, Three or Four being present to Communicate with them, and a Place convenient, and all Things necessar decently provided. 3to. That *Baptism*, when great Need shall compel, be administrate in private Houses, and Declaration made thereof next Lord's Day in the Congregation. 4to. That Ministers Catechise all young Children of Eight Years of Age, and that the Bishops, in their Visitations, cause present them to them, and bless them with Prayers and Imposition of Hands. And 5to. That the Days of our Lord's Birth, Passion, Resurrection and Ascension, and sending down of the Holy Ghost, be observed by the Ministers, in Commemoration of these inestimable Benefits. Are declared to have been abjured by this Kirk, in their *Confession of Faith*, as it was meaned and professed in the Year 1580, 1581, 1590, and 1591, and so ought to be removed out of it; and all Disputing for them, or observing of them, or any of them, in all Time coming, is prohibited and discharged, and Presbyteries ordained to proceed with the Censures of the Kirk against all Transgressors: And the several Acts of Parliament, and General Assemblies, and Heads of our *Confessions of Faith*, and Books of Discipline, disapproving and condemning the Substance of those Articles, are resumed in *Act Sess. 17. Decemb. 10. Ass. 1638.*

*Assemblies, see Evils of the Kirk, Propositions for Kirk Government; Confession of Faith, Discipline, Absents, and Representatives in Assemblies.*

I. THE Six pretended Assemblies viz. at *Linlithgow*. 1606, and 1608; *Glasgow*, 1610; *Aberdeen*, 1616; *St. Andrews*, 1617; and *Perth*, 1618; annulled and condemned, as unlawful, and the Reasons thereof set down at large, in *Act Sess. 12. Decemb. 4. Ass. 1638.*

II. It's declared, That by Divine, Ecclesiastick, and Civil Warrants, this National Kirk hath Power and Liberty to assemble and convene, in her Yearly General Assemblies, and oftner *pro re nata*, as Occasion and Necessity shall require; and the Diet of the next Assembly is appointed, and all Presbyteries, Universities and Burghs,



Burghs, are warranted to send Commissioners for keeping the same; and Power is given to the Presbytery of Edinburgh, *pro re nata*, and upon any urgent and extraordinary Necessity, (if any happen betwixt and the Diet of the next Assembly) to give Advertisment to all the Presbyteries, Universities and Burghs, to send their Commissioners for holding an Occasional Assembly; And if, in the mean Time, it shall please his Majesty to Indite a General Assembly, all Presbyteries, Universities and Burghs, are ordained to send their Commissioners, for keeping the Time and Place which shall be appointed by his Majesty's Proclamation. *Act 5<sup>th</sup>. 26. Decemb. 20. Ass. 1638.*

III. ALL Presbyteries are strictly enjoined to send their full Representation to Assemblies; and that they make Choice of such as are able to attend, and whom they have Reason to believe will give due Attendance; and the Clerk of the Assembly is appointed to send the Names of such Commissioners as wholly absent themselves, to their several Presbyteries and Synods; and they are ordained to be Censured for the first Fault by their Presbytery, and the Censure to be Recorded in the Presbytery Books; and for the second Fault, by the Synod, and the Censure to be Recorded in the Synod Books; and for the third Fault, to be suspended by their respective Synods, or Presbyteries, conform to the *Act 5<sup>th</sup>. 27. ult. Aug. Ass. 1647.* which see in *Absents*. And in case of Sickness, or other lawful Excuse, the Moderator of the Presbytery is to be acquainted in due Time, who is impowered to call a Meeting of the Presbytery *pro re nata*, to choose other fit Persons in their Room; and if the Excuse be sustained, what is offered for Excuse is also to be recorded in their Books, and the Clerk of Assembly is ordained to send an Account of such as withdraw from the Assembly, before the Dissolution thereof, to their Presbyteries, that they may admonish them therefore, as they see Cause. *Act 7. Ass. 1709.*

IV. ALL References, Appeals, and Complaints that shall be made, in Time coming, to the Assemblies of this Church, are appointed to be lodged in the Clerk's Hands, on or before the 2d or 3d Days of the Assembly's Meetings, with Certification, That all Appeals and Complaints not so lodged, shall be held as deserted and fallen from, and shall not thereafter be received, unless upon the first Opportunity, the Parties concerned make it appear

pear to the Assembly, that insuperable Difficulties did withhold them from lodging the same, in manner above set down; and the Clerks of the several Judicatories are enjoined, to transmit to the Clerk of the Assembly within the Time foretold, all References made by the respective Judicatories to the General Assembly. *Act 7. Ass. 1718.*

V. *It is resolved and appointed, That in all Time thereafter, no Commission from any Presbytery, Burgh, or University, to their Representatives in the General Assemblies of this Church, shall be sustained, but such as are in the Terms of the Acts of Assembly, made for regulating Elections of Members of Assembly, particularly Act 5. Ass. 1694. which see in Representatives in Assemblies. Act 6. Ass. 1698. and Act 6. Ass. 1704. both which, see in Commissions to Members of Assembly, &c. All which Acts are renewed, and Presbyteries are appointed, not only to elect their full Number of Commissioners, but also to be careful, to choose such Persons as probably can attend; and Presbyteries who send not up their full Number of Commissioners and Persons Commissioned, who either come not up, or are absent from any of the Diets of Assembly, are appointed to be Censured, unless relevant Excuses for them be laid before, and be admitted by the Assembly. And the Assembly resolved, and peremptorily enacted, That in all Time thereafter, no Commission whatsoever for any Ruling Elder, or Ruling Elders, to sit as Members of the Assemblies of this Church be sustained, but such as shall bear particularly that they have signed the Formula prescribed by the Act of Assembly, 1694. (which see in Instructions) unless the said Elders do instantly subscribe it in Presence of the Assembly, or a Committee appointed by them, or do instruct that they have already subscribed the same; and all Commissions, after they are written out and extracted, and before they be put in the Hands of the Commissioners, are appointed to be first read in Presence of the Presbytery, and to be revised by them, and that it be attested by the Moderator, or Clerk of the Presbytery upon the said Commissions, that this was so done. And it is resolved and appointed, (until the Matter concerning Commissions from Burghs be further thought upon) that, in the mean Time, no Commissions from Royal Burghs to their Representatives in Assembly shall be sustained, but such as shall be consented to and approved, not only by the Ministry and Kirk-sessions of the*

the Burgh, as is resolved by the Act of Assembly, July 15. *Ass.* 1647. (which see in *Burghs*) but also by the Presbytery of the Bounds within which the Burgh lies, and upon which it shall be attested both by the Kirk-session and Presbytery foresaid, that the Person or Persons therein named are Elders lawfully ordained, and have signed the *Formula* above-mentioned; and likewise, that they are either Residenters in the Burgh, or Heritors in the Burgh, or in the Bounds of the Presbytery where the Burgh lies, or that they have formerly resided and officiated as Elders in the said Burgh or Presbytery. And the General Assembly extended the Time limited by the foresaid *Act* 6. *Ass.* 1698, for choosing Commissioners from Presbyteries, to those that should be thereafter sent from Royal Burghs. *Act* 9. *Ass.* 1718.

**Assembly House,** see *Ordering the Assembly House.*

**Assolizing,** see *Exculpation.*

**Associating in Presbyteries.**

THE Ministers of different Presbyteries, their associating in Presbyteries allowed and approven, ay and while the Vacancies of the said Presbyteries be filled, and they are declared to have the Authority and Power of Presbyteries respectively; and that notwithstanding, that according to the old Plat-form, the said Ministers do reside in the Bounds of different Presbyteries. *Act* 8. *Ass.* 1690.

**Atheism and Atheistical Opinions,** see *Deists,*  
see *Gross Scandals.*

It is seriously recommended to Ministers of the Gospel, and they are enjoined, where there is any appearand Hazard of Contagion by the Atheistical Principles of *Deists*, to warn and guard the Lord's People against that Infernal Course, and to detect the Abominableness of the Tenets of these Men; such as, The denying of all Revealed Religion, The grand Mysteries of the Gospel, viz. The Doctrine of the Trinity, The Incarnation of the *Messias*, His Satisfaction to Justice, Salvation through him,



him, Justification by his imputed Righteousness to them who believe in his Name, The Resurrection of the Dead; and, in a Word, The Certainty and Authority of Scripture-Revelation. As also, their asserting, That there must be a Mathematical Evidence for each Purpose, before we can be obliged to assent to any Proposition thereanent; and, That Natural Light is sufficient to Salvation. And 'tis required, That the Authors that treat well of these Subjects, be named to People, in order to Perusal. As likewise, That Ministers deal seriously with the Seduced, and such as are mostly in Hazard to be perverted, but especially, with Seducers and Impostures, That, after sufficient Instruction and Admonition, these be proceeded against, as scandalous and heretical Apostates, use to be. And all Ministers, and other Members of this Church, are discharged to publish, or vent either by Speaking, Writing, Printing, Teaching or Preaching any Doctrine, Tenet or Opinion, contrary to, or inconsistent with the Confession of Faith of this Church, or any Article, Part or Proposition therein. And all such as contravene this Act, or any Part thereof, are appointed to be Censured by the Church, according to their Demerits. *Act 21. Ass. 1692.*

**Attendance on Assemblies and Commissions,** see *Assemblies, Act 3. 5. Commissions of Assemblies, &c. Acts 41, 43, 44. Absents.*

**Attestations,** see *Commissions to Members of Assembly, Act 4.*

**Auchterarder,** see *Formula, Commissions of Assemblies, 1719, and 1720.*

**Authority of Assemblies,** see *Discipline, Act 8.*



## B.

**Ballintrae**, see *Stramawer*.

**Banns**, see *Proclamation of Banns*.

**Baptism**, see *Beggars, Remedies of Sins, and there, domestick Remedy; 3 Articles of Perth, Sacraments, Communion*.

**T**HAT the Sacrament of Baptism be administrated in Face of the Congregation, that what is spoken and done, may be heard and seen of all; and that it be administrate after the Sermon, before the Blessing. *Act 3<sup>d</sup> Sess. 14. Feb. 7. 1645. The Act is The Opinion of the Committee, for keeping the greater Conformity in this Kirk, &c. Art. 2.*

**I**I. 'Tis declared, That Children born within the Vege of the Visible Church, of Parents, one or both professing the Christian Religion, have a Right to Baptism; and that no other Sponsor but the Parents is to be taken, unless the Parents be dead, or absent, or grossly ignorant, or under Scandal, or contumacious to Discipline, such being unfit to stand as Sponsors, in transacting a solemn Covenant with God; in which Case, the Immediate Parent, who is in such Circumstances, is to be required to provide some fit Person, and, if it can be, one related to the Parent of the Child, should be Sponsor. But if either of the Parents, whether Father or Mother, give Evidence to Church Judicatories, and the Congregation offended, of their Repentance, for removing the Scandal, the Suspension they were under as to Church Privileges, should be taken off, according to the Rules of this Church; and the penitent Person should be allowed to present the Child. In the Case of Children exposed, whose Baptism after Enquiry cannot be known, the Kirk-Session is to order the Presenting of the Child to Baptism, and to see to the Christian Education thereof; and 'tis recommended to the Parish, to see to the Maintenance of the Child, the Parent, or Sponsor ought to speak to the Minister of the Parish, before the Child be offered to Baptism. *Act 4. 1712.*

**Barks,**

Barks, see Lord's Day. Act 2.  
Beggars.

I. 'Tis recommended to Presbyteries, to consider of the best Means to get the Children of the ordinary Beggars baptised, and to prevent their own living in so great Vileness. Act 5th, Sept. 1. 1647.

II. 'Tis recommended to Presbyteries, to apply to the Justices of the Peace, and other Magistrates, to put in Execution the Laws concerning the poor and vagrant Beggars, and providing Work and Maintenance for them. Act 11. 1711.

Behaviour in Worship, see Worship.

Benefice, see Old Ministers.

Bibles, see Libraries, Bourignonism, Act 4.

(1.) A Letter of Thanks is appointed to be written to the Contributors of the Fund for *Irish* Bibles, New Testaments, and Catechisms. (2.) 'Tis thought needful, That there be an Advance of 1000 Pound Scots more, and that their Majesties Privy Council be supplicate therefore, out of the vacant Stipends of the Churches whereof the King is Patron. (3.) 'Tis recommended to the Kirk-sessions, Heritors, and others concerned in the *Highlands*, to see the Act of Parliament anent Erecting of Schools in every Parish, duly executed, and the Funds established by Law for the same, made effectual. (4.) That the Agents for the Church receive the foresaid 1000 Pound, and deburse the same at the Sight of the Ministers named in the Act; and also receive the Books above-mentioned, being 3000 Bibles, 1000 New Testaments, and 3000 Catechisms, from London. (5.) That the Members of that Assembly, from the several Synods, having *Highland* Parishes in their Bounds, do meet and appoint some, to receive and proportion the said Books, among the respective Parishes. (6.) 'Tis recommended to the Ministers concerned in the *Highlands*, to dispatch the whole Paraphrase of the *Irish* Platina to the Presb, and if the principal Copy can be recovered,

recovered, to expedite the same; but that any other Copy they have, be revised by the Synod of *Argyle*, and being approved by them, that the same be printed. *Act 11.*  
*Ass. 1690.*

### Biggar.

THE Entry and Possession of the new erected Presbytery of *Biggar*, consisting of the Twelve Kirks mentioned in the Act, ordered to be then presently, and the Kirk of *Biggar* to be the Presbytery Seat; and referred to the Commission, to determine to what Synod that Presbytery shall be subordinate, and to prescribe the Order and Solemnities that should be necessary, for entering and possessing the Ministers and Elders of the said Presbytery.  
*Act Sess. June 3. Ass. 1644.*

### Bill, see Bourignianism, Act 4.

THAT all Bills, whatsoever of particular Concern, whereunto all Parties having Interest are not cited, be rejected. *Item*, That all Bills be first presented to the inferior Judicatories of the Kirk, who may competently consider of them, and from them, be orderly and gradually brought to the Assembly, according to the Order prescribed for Appellations in the Assembly, at *Edinburgh 1639. Sess. 23. Aug. 30.* which see in *Appeals, Overt. in Sess. 2. Aug. 3. Ass. 1642. S. 1, 2.*

### Bishops, see Excommunication, Act 1. Episcopacy.

### Boats, see Lord's Day, Act 2.

### Books, see Session Books, Synod Books, Separation, Commission Book.

THAT Presbyteries take special Notice of any Book or Pamphlet framed, contrived, printed, or published by any Minister of this Church; and examine if there be any Thing therein contrar to the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline or Government, or prejudicial to the Rights and Privileges or Unity of this Church, and that they censure



censure Transgressors according to the Demerit of the Cause. *Act 7. Ass. 1707.*

**Book of Common Prayer**, see *Evils of the Kirk*, *Common Prayer Book*.

**Book of Consecration and Ordination**, see *Ordination*, *Books Erroneous*.

ALL Members of this Kirk and Kingdom, are inhibited and discharged to converse with Persons tainted with the Errors of *Independency* and *Separation*; or to import, sell, spread, vend, or disperse their erroneous Books or Papers: But that they beware of, and abstain from Books maintaining *Independency* and *Separation*; and from all *Antinomian*, *Anabaptistical*, and other erroneous Books and Papers: And all Ministers are required to warn their Flock against such Books in general, and particularly, such as are most plausible, insinuating, and dangerous; and to try carefully from Time to Time, if any such Books be brought into this Kingdom from *England*, or from beyond Seas, (which is especially recommended to Ministers on the Sea Coasts, or Towns where any Stationers are) and if any be found, to present the same to the Presbytery, that some Course may be taken, to hinder the dispersing thereof. And all Presbyteries are ordained to Try and Process such, as shall transgress against the Premises, or any Part of the same; and it is seriously recommended to the Civil Magistrates, to assist the Ministers and Presbyteries, in the Execution of this Act, and to concur with their Authority, in every Thing to that Effect. *Act Sess. 27. Aug. ult. Ass. 1647.*

**Book of Policy**, see *Judicatories*.

**Bond**, see *Declaration*.

THE Oath, called, *The Bond*, and Bonds of that and the like Nature declared unlawful, and the Subscribers not astricted by their Oath to the Tenor thereof. *Act Sess. 17. Aug. 4. Ass. 1641.*

**Borders**, see *Schools*, *Act 2. § 5.*

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**Bounds of Elders, see Remedies of Sins, and there, Ecclesiastick Remedy against Profaneness, 12.**

### Bounds of Jurisdiction.

THE Kirk-session of the Parish in which the scandalous Person resides, should be desired to cause cite that Person, to answer before the Kirk-session in whose Bounds the Scandal happened; and the same Course is to be follow'd in such Cases by other Church Judicatories; For they should not presume to exerce that Authority without their own Bounds. *Form. Proc. Cap. 1. § 6. Act 1702.*

### Bourignionism.

I. THE Writings that go under the Name of *Madam Antonia Bourignon*, found to be freighted with impious, pernicious, and damnable Doctrines: Such as, 1<sup>mo</sup>. The denying the Permission of Sin, and the Infliction of Damnation and Vengeance for it. 2<sup>do</sup>. The ascribing to Christ a Two-fold Humane Nature, one of which was produced of *Adam* before the Woman was form'd, and the other born of the Virgin *Mary*. 3<sup>mo</sup>. The denying of the Decrees of Election and Reprobation, and the loading of these Acts of Grace and Sovereignty, with a Multitude of odious and blasphemous Expressions, particularly, Wickedness, Cruelty, and Respect of Persons, 4<sup>to</sup>. That there is a good Spirit, and an evil Spirit, in the Souls of all Men before they are born. 5<sup>to</sup>. That the Will of Man is unlimited, and that there must be in Man some inferior Quality, whereby he may unite himself to God. 6<sup>to</sup>. The denying of the Doctrine of Divine Pre-science. 7<sup>mo</sup>. The Assertion of the sinful Corruption of Christ's Humane Nature, and a Rebellion in Christ's Natural Will to the Will of God. 8<sup>vo</sup>. The asserting a State of Perfection in this Life, and a State of Purification in the Life to come. That Generation takes Place in Heayen; That there are no true Christians in the World; and several other Errors contained in the said Book. And ratifying and confirming the Sentence of Suspension past by the Commission of Assembly

1700, against Dr. George Gairdny in Aberdeen; and further, actually deposing him from the Office of the Ministry, and prohibiting and discharging him from exercising the same, or any Part thereof in all Time coming, under the Pain of the highest Censures of the Church, for his being led away with a Spirit of Error and very gross Delusion, and infected with the foresaid impious, blasphemous, and damnable Errors. *Act 11. Ass. 1701.*

II. THE Book, entitled, *An Apology for Madam Antonia Bourignon*, of which the said Dr. George Gairdny is alledged to be the Author, found to contain a Mass of dangerous, impious, blasphemous, and damnable Errors, and is therefore condemned unanimously; and 'tis seriously recommended to all Synods and Presbyteries within this National Church, and particularly, to the Synods of Aberdeen and Perth, to advert to, and enquire anent the Spreading of the said Errors, and to use all effectual Means for preventing the same, conform to the Acts of former Assemblies made against spreading of Errors, and particularly, *Act Sess. 27. Ass. 1647.* which see in *Book Erroneous*. And 'tis recommended to the said Judicatories, That in perusing of the said Book, and enquiring anent the spreading of the Errors therein contained, any Thing found to fall under the *Act 11. Sess. 5. Parl. 1695.* or under any other Act of Parliament made against Blasphemy, be represented to his Majesty's Advocate, to the Effect the Laws may be put to due Execution: *Act 10. Ass. 1701.*

III. 'Tis earnestly recommended to Presbyteries, to use all effectual Means, to prevent the spreading of the dangerous Errors of *Bourignonism*, and other Errors, as is enjoined by the 10th *Act* of *Ass. 1761. supra.* and other Acts therein mentioned; and the Commission is instructed to use all suitable Endeavours for that Purpose; and particularly, that Care be taken, to suppress the Meetings of such as are tainted with these Errors. *Act 12. Ass. 1709.*

IV. ALL Ministers, in whose Parishes the gross Errors and Heresies, going under the Name of *Bourignonism*, do abound, are appointed to preach most particularly and faithfully against the same; and all Presbyteries in whose Bounds the same prevail, shall oblige all School-masters, Teachers, Governours of Youth, and Chaplains, within their Province, to subscribe the *Confession of Faith*, as the Confession of their Faith; and if any of the fore-

said Persons refuse to do the same, the Presbytery shall thereupon declare them incapable of such Offices, and apply to the Heretors, and Heads of Families concerned, in order to their discharging the said Persons from the said Offices; and in case of their Refusal to comply therewith, that the Presbytery send up the Names of the foresaid Persons refusing to subscribe the *Confession of Faith*, to the Commission of Assembly, with the Names of the Parishes and Families in which they reside, that the Commission may proceed against all such, as they see Cause: And all the Presbyteries, in whose Bounds there are any Societies of *Bourignonists*, avowedly professing these Principles, and dispersing the Books containing the same, are ordained to send to the Commission an exact and full Account of the particular leading Persons of the said Societies, together with the Names and Errors of the Books they are dispersing; and the Commission is enjoined, to take the most effectual Measures for suppressing the same; and instructed to apply to the Government, for hindering of incorrect, false and spurious Translations of the Bible, to be spread abroad. And 'tis recommended to the Professors of Divinity within this Church, to make a full Collection of the Errors of *Antonia Bourignon*, and of such other Errors as do reflect upon the Nature, Person, and Offices of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to write a Confutation of the same. *Act 9, Ass. 1710.*

**Bowing in the Pulpit, see *Worship publick*,  
*Act 5.***

THAT the Ministers bowing in the Pulpit, though a lawful Custom in this Kirk, be thereafter laid aside, for the Satisfaction of the Desires of the Reverend Divines in the Synod of England, and for Uniformity with that Kirk, *Act Sess. 14. Feb. 7. Ass. 1645.* the Act is, *The Opinion of the Committee, for keeping the greater Uniformity in this Kirk, &c. Art. 4.*

**Boyd (Mr. William) see *Linning (Mr. Thomas.)***

**Bridals, see *Penny-Bridals, Lykwakes.***

**Burghs,**



Burghs, see *Transplantation, &c. Act 1. § 9.*  
*Assemblies, Act 5. Commissions to Members of*  
*Assemblies, Act 4.*

I. RESOLVED in the mean Time, until the Matter concerning Commissioners from Burghs be further thought upon, That, according to the ordinary Practice, no Commission to the General Assembly be admitted from Burghs, but such as shall be consented to, and approved by the Ministry and Session there, the Persons elected being always Elders. *Act Sess. 4. July 15. Ass. 1648.*

II. RECOMMENDED to the Honourable Commission of Parliament for Plantation of Kirks, to provide real and valid Security, of competent and honest Means to Ministers in Burghs, where they are not sufficiently provided or secured already; and Presbyteries are ordained to use all necessary Diligence, for prosecuting thereof before the said Commission. *Act Sess. 40. Aug. 11. Ass. 1648.*

### Burial in Kirks.

I. AN Overture for putting the Act of the Assembly at Edinburgh 1588, *Sess. 5.* against Burial in Kirks, in Execution, is referred to the Care of Presbyteries, by *Sess. 23. and 24. Decemb. 17, 18. Ass. 1638. Act 22.*

II. ALL former Acts and Constitutions made against Burial in Kirks ratified and approved, and all Persons of whatsoever Quality, inhibited and discharged to bury any deceased Person within the Body of the Kirk, where the People meet for hearing of the Word, and Administration of the Sacraments; or to hang Penfiles or Breads, to affix Honours or Arms, or to make any such like Monuments, to the Honour or Remembrance of any deceased Person, upon Walls, or other Places within the Kirk, where the publick Worship of God is exercised, as said is. *Act Sess. 9. Aug. 11. Ass. 1643.*

Bursars, see *Highlands, Act 2. 4. § 5.*  
*Schools, Act 4. Exercise and Addition, School-*  
*masters, Act 3. Colleges, Act 1. § 5. Chri-*  
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Asian Knowledge, Act 3. Highland Tongue,  
Act 3. Irish Bibles, &c. Act 1. 3.

I. THAT every Presbytery that consists of Twelve Ministers, shall maintain a Bursar of Divinity; and where the Number is fewer than Twelve, they shall be joined with these out of another Presbytery where their Number exceeds: Where this Course is not already kept, that it be begun without longer Delay, and every Provincial is ordained to give an Account of their Number of Bursars that is constantly to be entertained by their Province, to the next ensuing Assembly. *Act Sess. 15. Aug. 7. 1641. Art. 4.*

II. PRESBYTERIES are ordained to put the foresaid Overtures for maintaining Bursars in Practice, with all Diligence; and to make Account thereof to the next Assembly. *Act Sess. 7. June 14. 1644. Art. 10.*

III. (1.) THAT every Bursar of Theologie have yearly paid him, for his Maintenance 100 lib. Scots, at least. (2.) That the said Maintenance be taken forth of the Kirk Penalties, according to the Design of the first Act, for maintaining of Bursars. (3.) That every Presbytery consisting of twelve Kirks in Number, maintain a Bursar yearly at the University. (4.) That when Presbyteries are fewer in Number, that they join with other Presbyteries to make up that Number, and the Superplus of the Number to be ordered and disposed by the Presbyteries and Synods; and that their Books bear Records thereof. (5.) That the Kirks of these Presbyteries be proportionally stented, according to the Number of the Communicants in each Parish. (6.) That the said Maintenance be collected by the Moderator of every Presbytery, by equally divided Portions; and the one Half to be brought into the Winter Synod, and given to the said Bursars; and the other Half at the Summer Synod to be sent unto them; and that the several Synods take an exact Account thereof, and see that all be rightly done, and that their Books bear the Report thereof to the General Assembly. (7.) That the Time of Bursars Abode at the Schools of Divinity, exceed not four Years, which being expired, or in Case before the expiring of the said Time, any be removed either by Death, or by some Calling to a particular Charge, another be presented to the

the said Benefice. (8.) That in Case any prove deficient in Payment of the said Maintenance for the Time to come, that it shall be carefully exacted by the Synods, and sent over to the General Assembly, to be disposed upon by them, as they shall find expedient, that no Person may have Benefit in their Slackness and Neglect. (9.) That all Bursars of Theologie bring sufficient Testimonials yearly from the Universities, where they are bred, of their Proficiency and good Behaviour; and that they be also ready to give a Proof of their Labours at the several Synods, if it shall be required; and if they be found deficient, that they be denuded of the said Benefit, and others more hopeful placed in their Room; and Presbyteries, who have not already done it, are appointed to begin and enter to the maintaining of their Bursars, in Manner foresaid, in the Year 1645. And 'tis recommended to Presbyteries, to make Choice of such for the Bursar, as are of good Report, inclined to Learning, and have past their Course of Philosophy, and to try their Qualifications, before they send them to Universities. *Ad Sess. 14. Feb. 7. Assemb. 1645.*

IV. THE foresaid Overtures concerning the providing of Bursars for Divinity, are recommended to Presbyteries, and Synods; and they are appointed to report their Diligence to the next Assembly. *Ad Sess. 28. Aug. ult. Assemb. 1647.*

V. SYNODS are ordained to crave Account from Presbyteries, at every provincial Meeting; how they have obeyed the Recommendation of preceeding Assemblies ancient Bursaries, which, with the Presbyteries Answer, shall be put upon Record; that so the Part both of Presbyteries and Synods, and their Negligence or Diligence in so pious a Work, may be known by the Examination of the provincial Books, to each General Assembly, *Ad Sess. 32. Aug. 7. Assemb. 1648.*

VI. THAT none be sent to Universities from Presbyteries, or admitted as Bursars of Divinity; but pious Youths; and such as are known to be of good Expectation, and approved Abilities. *Ad Sess. ult. Aug. 6. 1649.*

VII. 'Tis recommended to the Synods after mentioned, That they maintain Bursars of Theology having the *Lish* Language, beside the usual Presbytery Bursars; and that out of the Ministers of these Synods, their own proper Money, which is to be done as follows,

lowe, viz. the Synods of *Lothian* and *Tweeddale*, *Merse* and *Trivindale*, *Glasgow* and *Air*, *Argyle*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, and *Fife*, each of them one; the Synods of *Drumfries* and *Galloway*, one; and the Synods of *Angus* and *Mearns*, and *Aberdeen*, one: And 'tis recommended to them, to proportion the Quota of the Maintenance, to be given to the said Bursars, amongst themselves; which is at least, to be Ten Pounds *Sterling*, the one Half thereof to be collected and advanced at every Synod, beginning at the next ensuing Synod; and that the Synod Books bear an Account of their Diligence in the same; and that each of the said Bursars continue four Years at the Profession of Theology, as other Bursars do; and that all Presbyteries search out for any well qualified young Men, who have past their Course of Philosophy at some University, and send in their Names to the Commission of the General Assembly, with sufficient Testimonials, that they may be by them recommended to the said Synods, and this Act to continue during the Assemblies Pleasure; and for enlarging of the said Funds, the 9th Act of the Assembly 1699, anent planting of the *Highlands*, which see in *Highlands*, Act 4. is renewed and revived, *Act 8. Assemb. 1701.*

VIII. THAT the one Half of all the Bursaries of the Presbyteries be South *Tay*, including that Part of the Synod of *Perth* that lies be North *Tay*, be paid into Collectors, to be appointed by the respective Presbyteries of *Edinburgh*, *Glasgow* and *St. Andrews*; which Presbyteries are to be comptable to their respective Synods concerned, for what Money they receive, the one Half thereof to be applied for the Education of such Youths, as have the *Irish* Language in Philosophy and Divinity, at the Colleges of *Edinburgh*, *Glasgow* and *St. Andrews*; and the other Half to be disposed of to *Lowland* Bursars, or such other pious Uses, as the respective Synods shall think fit; and for this End, the Synods of *Glasgow*, *Galloway* and *Drumfries*, to pay their Bursars to a Collector, to be appointed by the Presbytery of *Glasgow*; and under their Inspection, accountable to their Synods: In like Manner, the Synods of *Merse* and *Lothian*, to the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*; the Synods of *Fife*, *Perth* and *Stirling*, to the Presbytery of *St. Andrews*; and this to begin at *October 1704*, and to continue for four Years and longer, as the General Assembly should see Cause; That to the Synod of *Argyle*, (who have a Gift of Vacancies for Training of Youth)



Youth) a certain small Number of the Bursaries payable to the Collector, to be appointed by the Presbytery of *Glasgow*, be allotted, and all the rest for the other *Highlands*; and that none have the Benefit of the said Bursaries, but such as bring a Testimonial or Recommendation from the Synods respective to which they belong, bearing their having been examined by that Synod, and the Synod's good Hopes of them as sober Youths, piously inclined, and well affected to the Government of Church and State, and that they have the *Irish* Language; and being good Proficients in the *Latin*, and such as they judge, may in due Time prove able Ministers of the Gospel, or School-masters; and that they have obliged themselves to employ their Talents in these Services in the *Highlands*, either within the Bounds of the Synods recommending them, or some others by their Allowance; and that these Testimonials be recorded with their Names, and reported to each General Assembly; And the Act 8. *Assemb. 1701.* above-inserted, is renewed, and the said Act appointed to be observed, till the General Assembly see Cause to recal the same. *Act 13. Assemb. 1704.*

IX. THE foresaid Act 13. *Assemb. 1704.* is explained; and 'tis declared, That the Disposal of all these Bursaries, is only in the Power of the Synods, and not of the Presbyteries; and 'tis left to the Discretion of the several Synods, to apply that Act to Bursaries then current, or only to such as were vacant at the Date of the Act, as they find convenient; and for that End, 'tis recommended to the said Synods, to take an Account from their respective Presbyteries, what Burses they have in their Bounds; and at what Time these Burses will fall vacant; and that the Presbyteries be joined two and two for making one *Lowland* Burse of their two Halves, appointed by the foresaid Act for that End: And in Case there be an odd Presbytery in a Synod, that that Synod dispose of that odd Presbytery's Half, to such pious Uses, as the Presbytery shall think fit. *Act 11. Assemb. 1705.*

X. ENQUIRY is ordered to be made; (10.) How the 9th and 16th Acts of Assembly 1699, and 9th Act of Assembly 1703. are observed (the first and second of which see in *Highlands*, and the last in *North*.) (2.) That Enquiry be made, what Bursars there are having the *Irish* Language, and how the Acts made concerning them are obeyed; particularly, the 13th and 14th Acts of Assembly



by 1704, (the first of which, see *supra*, and the last in Schools.) And 5th and 11th Acts of Assembly 1706, (the first of which see in Schools, and the last *supra*.) (3.) That at each Assembly, the Names of the *Irish* Bursars be called for, and an Account thereof given in to the Clerk; as also, what Hope there is of their being useful in this Church; and the Commission is impowered to pursue this and the Acts above-mentioned in Execution, *Act 14. Assemb. 1707.*

XI. The Collections ordered, by Act 18th, Assembly 1704, for maintaining Bursars, which see *supra*, are again enjoined, and Synods are appointed to see this done, and record their Diligence in their Books; and the said Act is revived, until the next Assembly: And 'tis referred to the Commission to prepare Overtures for the right Application and Management of the foresaid Bursaries for the future, and report to the next Assembly. *Act 14. Assemb. 1709.*

XII. 'Tis enacted, That one Half of the whole Bursaries of all the Presbyteries within Scotland, be applied for the Education of such Youths as have the *Irish* Language, in Philosophy and Divinity, at the Colleges of *Edinburgh, Glasgow, St. Andrews, and Aberdeen*, for the Space of Four Years, beginning from the 1st of *October 1710*; and the Manner of collecting the Money to be applied for Maintenance of the said Bursars, is prescribed in the Act: And it is declared, that the respective Synods, to which the said Bursaries does belong, shall have the Choice and Presentation of the *Irish* Bursars, and that no Person shall have the Benefit of either *Highland* or *Lowland* Bursaries, but such as bring a Testimonial or Recommendation from their Synods respectively, bearing their having been examined by the Synod, and the Synod's good Hopes of them as sober Youths, piously inclin'd, and well affected to the Government of Church and State, and that they are good Proficients in the *Latine*, and are such as they judge may, in due Time, prove able Ministers of the Gospel, or School-masters. And if they be presented to *Irish* Bursaries, bearing that they have the *Irish* Language, and have obliged themselves to employ their Talents in these Services in the *Highlands*, either in the Bounds of the Synods presenting and recommending them, or some other by their Allowance; and the foresaid Testimonials are appointed to be Recorded, together with the Bursars Names, and so be reported to each Assembly; and the

of the General Assembly:

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8th Act of Assembly 1701, and the 11th Act of Assembly 1705, (both which see *supra*) are renewed, and appointed to be observed, until the Assembly see Cause to recal the same; and the Commission is impowered to enquire how former Recommendations about Students have been observed, and to take Care that Students be provided of Bursaries, and have all due Encouragement to prosecute their Studies, the said Students being always qualified in the Terms of this and other Acts herein narrated. *As 10. Aff. 1710.*

XIII. 'Tis recommended to Synods, to admit no more Bursars having the *Irish* Language, but so many, to each of whom they are in a Condition to pay Ten Pound *Sterling* at least, and for that End, the Bursaries of more Presbyteries than two or three, if they be small, are appointed to be joined together, to make up the said Sum; and the several Presbyteries are appointed to send in to the Commission, a particular and distinct Account of the *Quota's* of their Bursaries, subscribed by their Moderator and Clerk, and the Commission is appointed to proportion the said Bursaries in the several Districts, so, as to make Ten Pounds *Sterling* at least to each Bursar, out of the Half of the Bursaries appropriated by the Acts of Assembly, for that Use; and the several Synods are required, timeously to fall upon their vacant Bursaries in manner above-mentioned; and they are ordained to examine Bursars, at least once every Year, at their Meeting in Harvest or Winter; and Presbyteries are enjoined to pay in punctually their several Proportions of the said Bursaries, and the Names of the Deficients are appointed to be given in to the Meetings of the Commission that immediately precede each Assembly, and the Commission is instructed to look out for hopeful young Men, having the *Irish* Language, in order to be put on Trials. *As 12. Aff. 1712.*

XIV. 'Tis recommended to Synods and Presbyteries, to make particular and exact Enquiry into the Education, Piety, Literature, Principles and Conversation of those whom they recommend to Bursaries; and that they recommend none, of whom they have not Ground to believe, that they will be useful, and who are firm to the Interests of this Church; and such Presbyteries, as shall discover any just Ground of Suspicion in young Men, having these Bursaries, with respect to these Things, are appointed to acquaint the Assembly or Commission thereof.

thereof: And also, the Presbyteries or Synods, whose Bursars they are, that if they be found unworthy, the Encouragement they enjoy may be taken from them, and bestowed on Persons having the Qualifications required by the Acts of Assembly. *Act 7. Ass. 1714.*

XV. All Synods and Presbyteries are enjoined, to prefer Students having the *Irish* Language, to their Bursaries, when they vaik, and punctually to pay them their Provisions, and to take Trial of their Proficiency, and mark their Diligence herein in their Books; and the Visitors of the Synod and Presbytery Books, are appointed to notice how the Acts of Assembly concerning Bursars are observed, and report the same. And the Commissions of the Assemblies of this Church, are required to see to the Observation of the said Acts, and to enquire after such Students, and recommend them to Bursaries; and all Powers given to former Commissions, in this Matter, are renewed. *Act 7. Ass. 1715.*

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**Calls,** see *Competing Calls.*

**Calling of Assemblies,** see *Confession of Faith, Act 6.*

**Calling of Ministers,** see *Ministers Admissions, Ministers, Act 1. and there, Corruptions in their Office, § 2. & seq; Act 7. § 7.*

**Calling of Parties,** see *Citation.*

**T**HE Moderator is to inform the Party appearing, of the Occasion of his being called; and to give him, if desired, a short Note in Writing thereof, with the Names of the Witnesses that are to be made use of. *Form Pres. Cap. 2. § 7. Act 11. Ass. 1707.*

**Calmunnel Parish,** see *Stranrawer.*

**Campvere.**

**RESOLVED,** That the Scots Kirk of *Campvere* be joined to the Kirk of *Scotland*, as a Member thereof; and



a Member appointed to write to the Minister thereof, to send a Minister and Elder, instructed with a Commission to the next Assembly. *Act Sess. 18. Aug. 9. Ass. 1641.*

II. SOME Propositions concerning the Kirk of *Camperdown*, viz. (1.) Their observing of that Order in the outward Worship of God, and Exercise of Discipline, as is received in *Scotland* by Law and Practice. (2.) Their sending Commissioners to the Assembly every Third Year. (3.) Their receiving Council and Advice, in difficult Cases, from the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, or Commissioners of Assembly. And, (4.) The bearing of their Moderator's Expences coming hither at the Assembly's Command. Again, Enacted and authorized, and appointed to be Recorded in the Books of the Assembly, and the Commissions of that and subsequent Assemblies of this Church, impowered and authorized to act, cognosce, advise, and determine in all Affairs belonging to the said Kirk and Consistory of *Camperdown*, that shall be proposed to, or pursued before them, as their superior Judicatory; but recommended to them, to pay the Charges of their own Commissioners out of their own Stock, until the Church be in a better Capacity to assist them. *Act 21. Ass. 1704.*

Canon Book, see *Evils of the Kirk.*

THE Book of Canons rejected and condemned, as contrar to our Confession of Faith, and repugnant to the established Government, the Book of Discipline, the Acts and Constitutions of our Kirk; and the Use and Practice of the same is prohibited; and Presbyteries ordained to proceed with the Censures of the Kirk, against all such as shall transgress. *Act Sess. 14. Decemb. 8. Ass. 1638.*

Cards, see *Ministers, Act 1. and there, Corruptions in their Persons and Lives, § 1.*

Carriers, see *Remedies of Sins; and there, Ecclesiastick Remedy, 7.*

Carstern Parish, see *Stranrawer, Dalry.*

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## Abridgment of the Acts Catechetical Doctrine.

I. 'Tis recommended to the Care of Ministers, That beside their ordinary Work of Catechising, they also preach Catechetical Doctrine, at such Times, and in such Manner, as they shall find most conducive for the Edification of their Flocks. *Act 18. Ass. 1696.*

II. 'Tis recommended to the several Ministers of this Church, punctually to observe the Acts of former General Assemblies, for preaching Catechetical Doctrine; and that in their Catechetical Sermons, they more especially insist upon the great and fundamental Truths, according to our *Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms*; such as that, of the Being and Providence of God, and the Divine Authority of the Holy Scriptures; The necessary Doctrine of the ever blessed Trinity in the Unity of the Godhead; particularly, of the eternal Deity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and of the Satisfaction to Divine Justice made by him, who is our only Propitiation; Of Regeneration by Efficacious Grace; Of free Justification through our blessed Surety the Lord Jesus Christ, received by Faith alone; and, Of the Necessity of a holy Life, in order to the obtaining of everlasting Happiness; and that they be earnest and instant in their Prayers to God, that through his Blessing upon their Labours, their Flocks may be preserved from the Infection of dangerous Errors, and engaged to maintain a Conversation, that becomes the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is God over all blessed for ever. *Act 9. Ass. 1720.*

**Catechising and Catechising, see Visitation**  
*Ministerial, &c. Act 2. § 4, 8. Visitation*  
*Presbyterial, &c. Act 1. Family Exercises;*  
*Remedies of Sins, and there, particular Ec-*  
*clesiastick Remedies, 1, 2, 3. and Ecclesiastick*  
*Remedies against Prophaneness, 6. Witchcraft,*  
*Act 1. § 7. Highlands, Act 4. § 3. Act 5.*  
*§ 6. Universities, Act 2. Prophaneness, Act*  
*4. § 5. Bibles, &c. § 1, 4. Doctrine, Act 1.*

I. AN uniform Catechism appointed to be used throughout this whole Kingdom, in the Examinations before

before the Communion. *Act Sess. 22. Aug. 29. Ass. 1639.*

*Act. 7.*

II. THAT every Minister, besides his Pains on the Lord's Day, have weekly Catechising of some Part of the Parish, and not altogether cast over the Examination of the People till a little before the Communion. *Act Aug. 30. Ass. 1639.* See the rest of this Act in *Family Worship.*

III. THE *Larger Catechism*, agreed upon by the Assembly of Divines sitting at *Westminster*, with Assistance of Commissioners from the Kirk of *Scotland*, found agreeable to the Word of God, and in nothing contrary to the received Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, and Government of the said Kirk; and therefore approven and agreed unto by the Assembly for their Part, as a Common Catechism for the Three Kingdoms. *Act Sess. 10. July 30. Ass. 1648.*

IV. THE *Shorter Catechism*, likewise agreed upon by the said Assembly at *Westminster*, with Assistance foresaid, found also agreeable and approven, as said is. *Act Sess. 19. July 28. Ass. 1648.*

V. AND the vending, selling, or using in Schools or Families of a little Catechism, entitled, *The A, B, C, with the Catechism*, that is to say, An Instruction to be taught and learned of young Children, which contains very gross Errors in point of universal Redemption, and in the Number of the Sacraments, is discharged; and Printers are inhibited to Reprint the same; and it is recommended to Presbyteries to take special Care, that the said Act be obey'd. *Act Sess. eadem.*

VI. THAT every Minister, with the Assistance of the Elders of their several Kirk-sessions, take Course, That in every House where there is any that can read, there be at least one Copy of the *Shorter and Larger Catechisms*, *Confession of Faith*, and *Directory for Family Worship*; and the above Act of *Ass. Aug. 30. 1639.* for a weekly Catechising to be constantly observed in every Kirk, is renew'd: And it is appointed, that every Minister to order their Catechetick Questions, as thereby, the People, (who do not convene all at one Time, but by Turns, into that Exercise) may, at every Diet, have the chief Heads of Saving Knowledge, in a short View, presented to them. And every Presbytery is ordained to take Trial of all the Ministers within their Bounds, once, at least, in the Half Year, whether they be careful to keep weekly Diets

of Catechising; and if they shall find any of their Number negligent therein, that they be admonished for the first Fault; and if, after such Admonition, they shall not amend, the Presbytery, for the second Fault, shall rebuke them sharply; and if, after such Rebuke, they do not yet amend, they shall be Suspended. *Act July 30. Ass. 1649:*

**Catechists,** see *Christian Knowledge, Act 3.*  
**Cathness,** see *Zealand, Act 2. Supplies, Commissions of Assemblies, &c. Act 21.*

I. THE Presbyteries of *Kirkwall in Orkney, and Scaloway in Zealand*, are joined to the Provincial of *Cathness, and Southberland, &c.* and the same is to meet only once in the Year, in respect of their great Distance and Interjection of Seas; and the Place of their first Meeting is appointed by the Act, but 'tis left to the Provincial it self, to appoint the Place of their After-meetings. *Act Sess. 11. June 15. Ass. 1646.*

II. THE Advices and Instructions given to the Presbyteries of *Cathness, Orkney and Zealand*, at their Erection, are continued; and 'tis referred to the Commission, to add to, or alter the same, as they shall see Cause; and otherwise to assist the said Presbyteries in manner mentioned in *Act 7. Ass. 1700.*

III. THE above-mentioned Act of Assembly, *June 15: 1646*, is revived, and that Synod appointed to enquire diligently into the State of Affairs in *Zealand*; and 'tis declared, that this Act shall obtain and stand in Force, until the same be recalled by a subsequent Assembly; and that, notwithstanding the *Act Aug. 9. Ass. 1648*, disjoining the Presbytery of *Zealand* from that Synod. (which see, in *Zealand*) But 'tis declared, That notwithstanding this Annexation, the Presbytery of *Dornock* shall still continue to meet and act Presbyterially with the Presbytery of *Ross*, as formerly. *Act 4. Ass. 1704.*

**Censures, (Church)** see *Ministers, Act 2. and there, Remedies of their Enormities, § 2. Propositions, § 3, 4. Commissioners to Assemblies, Act 5. Profaneness, Overtures, Act 1. Pa-*  
*pists,*



pists, Act 7. § 3. Appeals, Act 6. § 4, 5.  
Gross Scandals, Act 2. § 1. Uncleanness, Act  
1. § 2.

NOTHING ought to be admitted as the Ground of a  
Process for Censure, but what hath been declared cen-  
sureable by the Word of God, or some Act, or universal  
Custom of this Church agreeable thereto; and Scandals  
ought to be timeously noticed: But if a Scandal be not  
noticed, in order to Censure, for five Years, it ought not  
to be revived, unless it be of an heinous Nature, or be-  
come again flagrant; but the Consciences of such Per-  
sons ought to be seriously dealt with in private, to bring  
them to a Sense of their Sin and Duty. *Form Proc. Cap. 1.  
§ 4. Act 11. Ass. 1707.*

Censures, (privy) see *Exercise and Addition*,  
*Schoolmasters*, Act 3. *Christian Knowledge*,  
Act 5.

Chaldaick Language, see *Students of Theolo-*  
*gy*, Act 1.

Chanters, see *Titles of Dignity*.

Chaplains, see *School-masters*, Act 2.

Chapters, see *Titles of Dignity*.

Charges of the Church, see *Commissioners to*  
*Assembly*, Act 1, 2. *publick Money*.

Charges of Ministers,

THE Act Sess. 7. March 26. Ass. 1596. ordering, That  
no Ministers take the Charge of a greater Number of  
People, nor they are able to discharge, ratified by Act  
Sess. 23, 24. Decemb. 17, 18. Ass. 1638. Act. 9.

Charity, see *Schools*, Act 4.

I. THAT no Minister, Kirk-sessions, or Elders give  
Recommendations for Charity to any, without the  
Bounds of their own Parishes; nor Presbyteries, without the



the Bounds of their Presbyteries; nor Provincial Synods, without their Bounds: And that any Recommendations to be given within their respective Bounds, shall be for a definite Time. *Act 19. Ass. 1696.*

II. 'Tis enacted and declared, That in all Time thereafter, no Petitions for Charity shall be transmitted to, nor regarded by the Assembly, unless the Petitioners produce therewith ample Testimonials as to their Life and Conversation; and Recommendations from the Synod, or Presbytery of the Bounds where they reside, bearing such Persons to be truly Objects of Charity. *Act 8. Ass. 1710.*

**Charmers and Charming, see Witchcraft, Gross Scandals.**

**Chief Burghs, see Transplantation, Act 1. § 9.**

**Children, and Children sent abroad, and**

**Children of Popish Parents, see Papists,**

*Act 2. § 2, 6. Act 3. § 2, 3, 4, 5. Act 7.*

**§ 6. Overtures, Act 1.**

I. AN Overture, That Children be not sent out of the Country, without Licence of the Presbyteries, or Provincial Synods of the Bounds where they dwell; referred to the several Presbyteries, *Ass. 23, 24. Decemb. 17, 18. Ass. 1638. Art. 11.*

II. THAT Parents, or Friends of Children or Minors, shall, before they send them without the Kingdom to be Bred, first acquaint the Presbytery where they reside, that they may have their Testimonial directed to the Presbytery, or Class within the Kingdoms of France, England or Ireland; and at the Time of these Childrens Return from any of the said Kingdoms, that they report a Testimonial from the Presbytery or Synod where they lived without the Kingdom, of their Breeding there, and do show the same to the Presbytery within the Kingdom, who gave them a Testimonial at their away-going. And all Presbyteries are ordained to try, if any Children have been sent to Popish Schools or Colleges without the Kingdom; and if any be found, that their Names be given to the Presbytery, or Commissioners of the Assembly, that the same may be presented to the

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Lords of Secret Council, or Committee of Estates; that their Lordships may be humbly desired, by their Authority, to recall them; that, after Return to this Kingdom, a Course may be taken, according to the former Ordinances of General Assemblies, for their Breeding in the true Religion. *Act Sess. ult. June 18. Ass. 1646.*

Children exposed, see *Baptism, Act 2.*

Christian Knowledge, see *Schools.*

I. A Committee is named to receive in Reports from Presbyteries, of the Advances made in the Subscriptions for propagating *Christian Knowledge*; and take Notice how the *Acts 5, 8.* of *Ass. 1707.* (the First of which see in *Schools*, and the Last in *Papery*) have been obey'd; and Synods and Presbyteries are enjoined to see to the punctual Execution of these two Acts, and to insert an Account of their Diligence in their Books. *Acts 5, 6. Ass. 1708.* *Note.* These Acts are insert after the *Index* of the other Acts of that Assembly.

II. ALL the People of this Church are earnestly exhorted, to contribute their best Endeavours in their Stations, to promote the Design of propagating the Knowledge of Christ, in the *Highlands* and Islands of *Scotland*, and in Foreign Parts of the World, and particularly, to give Part of their Substance that Way; and a Method is laid down for collecting Subscriptions for, and Contributions of Money towards that Design; and the Commission is empowered to promote the same. *Act 6. Ass. 1709.*

III. THE exact Observation of the foresaid 6th *Act*, of *Ass. 1709.* is enjoined, where the same is not yet done, and Presbyteries are appointed to see to it, and return to the Secretary of the Society for propagating *Christian Knowledge*, a Report of their Diligence; and 'tis recommended to the several Synods, concerned in the *Highlands* and Islands, to enquire what Parishes in these Bounds do want Schools, what Parishes do need more Schools than one, and how many they need; what is the Extent of these Parishes in Length and Breadth; As also, what Ministers have more Churches or Places for Worship than one, and whether these Churches do stand in different Islands, or not; and if there be a School for every Kirk or Island; or any Persons in these Places to teach Chil-

men to read, or any Catechists. As also, in what Place Popery abounds most, and where Catechists will be needful. And Synods are appointed, to send an impartial and true Account of the above Particulars to the Secretary of the said Society, subscribed by their Moderator and Clerk, that the said Society may have the whole Matter before them, in order to the disposing of the Annualrents of their Stock, where it is most needful; and all Ministers, and other charitable Persons, are seriously exhorted to put their Contributions in the Hands of the Treasurer to the Society. And that there may be the greater Plenty of fit Instruments to be employ'd in the Design of *propagating Christian Knowledge*, the Assembly did again appoint the one Half of the whole Bursaries of all the Presbyteries in *Scotland*, to be bestow'd on hopeful and pious Students, having the *Irish Language*, for the Space of Four Years, according to the Tenor of the 10th Act of *Ass. 1710*, (which see in *Bursars*.) And the several Synods are enjoined to see all the foresaid Appointments put in due Execution, and that they Report an Account of their Diligence herein to the Assembly, from Time to Time, and the Commissions of this and subsequent Assemblies: And likewise, the whole Synods and Presbyteries within this Church are ordained to give all due Encouragement, Countenance and Assistance to the said Society, and these employ'd by them, as they shall be orderly applied to, for that Effect from Time to Time. *Act 11. Ass. 1710.*

IV. UPON a long Representation from the Committee of the Society for propagating Christian Knowledge, giving a distinct Account of the Diligence of that Society, in Prosecution of the Ends of their Erection, and the Progress they had made in their Work, and of the Things that hindered the further Advancement thereof: The Assembly renews former Recommendations to the several Synods, Presbyteries, Sessions, Ministers and charitable Persons, desiring, that the Judicatures above-mentioned would follow the Method prescribed by the 6th Act of Assembly 1709, and the 12th Act of Assembly 1710, both above insert, in furthering Subscriptions and Contributions, and report to the Society; and the several Presbyteries are strictly enjoined to report to their Synods, a distinct Account of what they have done at any Time before this, or what they shall hereafter do, in Order to forward that pious undertaking, and that in the Method prescribed,



prescribed, by the said two Acts ; particularly, Presbyteries are appointed again to require an Account of the Diligence of all the Ministers within their Bounds in this Matter, and to record their Reports in their Books ; and the several Synods are ordained to take a particular Account of the Diligence of their respective Presbyteries, and record it in their Synod Books ; and the several Presbyteries and Synods are appointed to send a full and distinct Report of their Diligence in this Matter, subscribed by their Moderator and Clerk in Manner prescribed, by the said two Acts to the Commission : And the Commission are appointed to give in a List of such Presbyteries and Synods as shall omit to send in these Accounts to the Assembly ; and Persons of all Ranks and Degrees are earnestly exhorted, according to their Abilities, to contribute to the Advancement of this Christian Undertaking. *Act 5. Ass. 1712.*

V. THE Assembly commends the Diligence of the Society for propagating Christian Knowledge, and their Committee : They recommend to all Ministers and Elders, and charitable Persons, to concur in that Work ; and again renew the Acts and Recommendations of preceeding Assemblies to Synods, Presbyteries, and particular Ministers, for furthering Subscriptions and Contributions ; and do appoint Presbyteries to call for an Account of the Diligence of Ministers and Sessions in this Matter, at their privy Censures, and Parochial Visitations, and record their Reports in their Presbytery Books ; and Synods are ordained, at their privy Censures, to take a particular Account of the Diligence of their Presbyteries ; and record the Reports of Presbyteries in their Books ; and Synods and Presbyteries, to send a Report of their Diligence herein subscribed, by their Moderator and Clerk to the Commission : And the Commission is instructed, to call for the foresaid Accounts ; and see to the Observation of this and former Recommendations ; and lay before the Assembly an Account of such Synods and Presbyteries, as shall neglect to send in to them, Reports of their Diligence in this Matter. *Act 3. Ass. 1713.*

VI. UPON a Representation of the Committee of the Society, giving an Account of their Procedure, the Extent of their Stock, and Number of Schools erected by them ; and the Success and Progress of the said Schools ; and representing the Defects of some Ministers, in their  
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Way of collecting for the Society: The Assembly renews former Recommendations in their Favours; and further recommends to Presbyteries, to look for Persons qualified for serving the Society, as Schoolmasters; and to send an Account of them, with Certificates in their Favours, to the Society, or their Committee: And a Committee is appointed, to meet with the said Committee of the Society, and advise jointly what further may be done, for the Society's Benefit; and by the Society, for fully satisfying all Persons, of the Fairness and Exactness of their Management; upon whose Report the Assembly found the said Society, as well secured against the Danger of future Events, as any Society can be; and they impowred their Commission to appoint publick Intimations to be made in all the Churches, of an additional Representation of the further Progress and Success of the Society, which the Committee of the Society were preparing. *Act 13. Ass. 1714.*

VII. UPON the Petition of the Committee of the Society, the Assembly recommends a publick Collection at all the Church Doors in Scotland, upon such Days, as the severall Presbyteries and Magistrates of Burghs shall think fit, for buying Books to the Society's Scholars, and settling more Schools; and former Recommendations in Favours of the Society, are renewed; and the same are appointed to be read in these Congregations, where the same has not yet been done. *Act 12. Ass. 1715.*

VIII. UPON a Supplication from the Committee of the Society, the Assembly did renew the Recommendation of the last Assembly for a Collection, and appointed a new Day for it; and the Money is ordered to be lodged in the Hands of the Moderators of the severall Presbyteries, who are to keep exact Accounts thereof; and to send the Money with the Copy of the Accounts to the Society's Treasurer: And, all Ministers and others, who had not yet paid in the Money they had subscribed for, are desired to send in the same to the Treasurer, and the Execution of the above Recommendation is remitted to the severall Presbyteries, who are to report their Diligence, both to their Synods, and to the Commission. *Act 4. Ass. 1716.*

IX. UPON a Representation from the Committee of the Society, of the Success of the Collections, recommended by former Assemblies, and of the Society's Schools; The Assembly enjoins the Visitors of their Synod

nod Books, to take special Notice what Care Synods have taken, in calling Presbyteries to an Account of their Diligence, in promoting the said Collections; and to lay Account thereof before the Assembly; And the Assembly again recommended to Deficients, yet to send in their Money to the Treasurer of the Society, and to Ministers entered to Parishes, since the Date of the said Recommendations, not only to contribute themselves, but to set about Collecting in their Parishes; and was again recommended to all Ministers and Members of this Church, to give all Manner of Encouragement, to that charitable undertaking. *Act. 4. Ass. 1717.*

X. UPON a Representation from the Committee of the Society, giving an Account of their Method of Management, and Success of their Endeavours, that their Stock was now upwards of 7000 Pounds *Sterling*, and that they have 42 Charity Schools in the Places mentioned in the Representation, but that yet more were demanded, than their present Stock would afford; and therefore, entreating, that former Recommendations in Favours of the Society, might be renewed; and offering their Assistance in managing what the Assembly should bestow of the Churches Money, upon the Fund of the Equivalent, for maintaining Charity Schools: The Assembly appointed the Excess of that Money, after Payment of the Churches Debts stated upon that Fund, to be lodged with the Society, for erecting Schools in the Highlands and Islands; and all former Recommendations in the Society's Favours, are renewed; and the Society and Committee are thanked for their Care and faithful Management of their Trust. *Act 5. Ass. 1719.*

Church, see *vacant Churches; Christian Knowledge.* *Act 3.*

Church Communion, see *Communion.*

Church Government, see *Universities. Act 1. Colleges.*

Church Judicatures, see *Correspondence.*

Church Men and Church Officers, see *Ministers, Ordination of Ministers, Places Civil, Evils of the Kirk.*

Citation,

**Citation**, see *Appeals*, Act 4. *Transplantation*, Act 1. § 1. and Act 3. *Correspondence*, &c. *Bounds of Jurisdiction*.

Persons or Parties concerned in Causes, especially before Presbyteries, or other superior Judicatories, should be duly sisted by a legal and timeous Citation in Writ, upon Forty eight Hours, if the Defendants be residing within the Parish; and that either at the Instance of the Complainer, or by Order of the Judicatory; and the Execution bearing its Cause, should be made before two or three Witnesses insert, and be returned by the Beadle or Officer in Writing; and the Persons cited should be called at the Door, *Form Proc. Cap. 2. § 3. Act 11. Ass 1707*. If the Party appear not, there ought to be a second, and then a third Citation, by Order of the Sessions or Presbyteries, either personally, or at their Dwelling-houses, before the Judicatory declare the Person contumacious; but in the Case of a Reference or Appeal, there needs not so many Citations, *ibid. § 4*. All Citations *apud acta*, are peremptory; and if instructed, infer Contumacy, if not obeyed. *ibid. § 5*.

**Civil Offices**, see *Places Civil*, *Evils of the Kirk*.

**Civil Remedies of Sins**, see *Remedies*.

**Civil Sanction**, see *Ratification*.

**Clandestine Marriages**, see *Irregularities*, *Marriage*, *Separatists*.

**Clerks of Assembly and Commission**, see *Assemblies*, Acts 3, and 4. *Commissions of Assemblies*. Acts 41, and 43.

Mr. John Bennet appointed, till Friday thereafter, to be Clerk, instead of Mr. Robert Park deceased. Act 3. Ass. 1695.

### **Collections for the Poor.**

**COLLECTIONS** for the Poor discharged to be taken in Time of Divine Service, and that the Minister and  
Kirk;



Kirk-session appoint some other Way for receiving the same. *Act Sess. 40. Aug. 11. 1648.*

**Colleges, see Visitations, Universities, Schools,**  
*Act 2. § 5. and Act 4. Transplantation, Act*  
*1. § 3. Learning.*

1. *T*is enacted, (1.) That every Grammar School be visited twice in the Year, by Visitors to be appointed by the Presbytery and Kirk-session in Landward Parishes, and by the Town-Council in Burghs, with their Ministers; and where Universities are, by the Universities, with Consent always of the Patrons of the School; that both the Fidelity and Diligence of Masters, and the Proficiency of the Scholars in Piety and Learning may appear, and Deficiency censured accordingly; and that the Visitors see, that the Masters be not distracted by any other Employments, which may divert them from their diligent Attendance. (2.) For Remedy of the great Decay of Poetry, that no School-master be admitted to teach a Grammar-school in Burghs, or in other considerable Parishes, but such, as after Examination, shall be found skilful in the *Latin* Tongue, not only for Prose, but also for Verse; and, that after other Trials to be made by the Ministers, and others deputed by the Session, Town, and Parish, for this Effect, that he be also approved by the Presbytery. (3.) That neither the *Greek* Language, nor Logick, nor any Part of Philosophy, be taught in any Grammar School, or private Place within this Kingdom, to young Scholars, who thereafter are to enter to any College, unless it be for a Preparation to their Entry there; and notwithstanding of any Progress any may pretend to have made privately in these Studies; yet, in the College, he shall not enter to any higher Class than that wherein the *Greek* Language is taught; and being entered, shall proceed orderly through the rest of the Classes, until he finish the ordinary Course of 4 Years: Unless, after due Trial and Examination, he be found equal in Learning to the best, or most part of that Class to which he desires to ascend, by overleaping a mid Class; or to the best or most Part of those who are to be Graduate, if he supplicate to obtain any Degree before the ordinary Time: And also, that there be found other pregnant



pregnant Reasons to make the Faculty of Arts to condescend thereto, and otherwise, that he be not admitted to the Degree of Master of Arts. (4.) That none be admitted to enter a Student of the Greek Tongue in any College, unless, after Trial, he be found able to make a congruous Theme in *Latine*; or at least, being admonished of his Error, can readily shew how to correct the same. (5.) That none be promoted from one inferior Class of the ordinary Course to a superior, unless he be found worthy, and to have sufficiently profited; otherwise, that he be ordained not to ascend with his Condisciples, and if he be a Bursar, that he lose his Bursar. And namely, it is to be required, that those who are taught in *Aristotle*, be found well instructed in his Text, and be able to repeat in *Greek*, and understand his whole Definitions, Divisions, and principal Precepts, so far as they have proceeded. (6.) That such Trial be taken of Students, especially of Magistrands, that those who are found unworthy, be not admitted to the Degree and Honour of Masters. (7.) That none who have entred to one College, without the Testimonial of the Masters of that College wherein he entred first, both concerning his Literature and dutiful Behaviour so long as he remained there, at least, until the Masters of that College from whence he cometh be timeously advertised, that they may declare if they have any Thing lawfully to be objected in the contrary; and that none be admitted, promoted, or received to a Degree in any College, who was rejected in another College for his Unfitness and Unworthiness, or any other Cause repugnant to good Order; or who leaves the College where he was, for eschewing of Censure or Chastising for any Fault committed by him; or who leaves the College because he was chastised, or for any other Grudge or unjust Quarrel against his Master. (8.) That none of those who may be lawfully received in one College after he was in another, be admitted to any other Class, but to that wherein he was, or should have been in the College from whence he came, except upon Reasons mentioned in the 3d Article preceding. (9.) That at the Time of every General Assembly, the Commissioners directed thereto from all the Universities of this Kingdom, meet and consult together, for the Establishment and Advancement of Piety, Learning, and good Order in the Schools and Universities; and be careful, that a Correspondence be kept among the Universities,

versities, and, so far as is possible, an Uniformity in Doctrine and good Order. *Act Sess. 14. Feb. 7. Ass. 1645.*

Colonels, see Papists, *Act 2. § 6.*

Commissions to Members of Assemblies, see Burghs, *Act 1. Assemblies, Act 5.*

I. THAT Commissioners from Presbyteries, and others, give in their respective Commissions to the Clerk of the General Assembly, the Night, at least, before the first Diet of Meeting thereof, to the Effect the Rolls may be timeously made up; and that the Commissions may be considered by the Assembly, without any Interruption thro' the making of the Rolls; and that any such Commission as may happen to be undelivered before the said first Diet, shall only be delivered in the Intervals betwixt the after Diets, and noways in Presence of the Assembly, while actually sitting. *Act 4. Ass. 1694.*

II. 'Tis recommended to the several Presbyteries of this National Church to keep an uniform Method, as near as can be, in granting Commissions to the Members of the General Assembly, and not to insert particular Instructions in their Commissions: And for the better attaining the End foresaid, there is a Form prescribed for a Directory by the Assembly, 1695. *Act 8.* which, with the Addition made thereto by the Assembly 1704. *Act 6.* and *Ass. 1720. Act 4.* are insert *infra* after the said *Act 1720.*

III. THAT all Commissions to Ministers and Ruling Elders from Presbyteries, Universities, and Royal-Burghs, to subsequent Assemblies, bear, That they have subscribed the Confession of Faith of this Church, according to the 11. *Act* of the General Assembly 1700. And sickenlike, That no Minister or Elder be Nominate or Commissionate to be a Member of the General Assembly of this Church, by any Presbytery, Burgh, or University, but such as usually reside in, or have a relation to the Presbytery, Burgh, or University they are Commissioned from, *Act 6. Ass. 1704.*

IV. ORDERED, That there be adjected to the Formula prescribed to Presbyteries by the *Act 8. Ass. 1695.* in giving Commissions to their Representatives in General Assemblies, which see *supra*, the following Clause, *viz.*  
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The said Presbytery does hereby testify and declare that all the Ministers above-named, have signed the Formula enjoined by the 10<sup>th</sup> Act of the General Assembly, anno 1711, and all the Ruling Elders above-written have signed the Formula prescribed by the 11<sup>th</sup> Act of Ass. 1694. But, if the Presbytery be uncertain, whether the said Elders have signed the said Formula, or not, then the Attestation shall bear, that they are either to sign it in presence of the Assembly, or instruct that they have done it before. And further, That all the said Commissioners are every other Way qualified to be Members of Assembly, according to the Acts of Assembly extracted by — cl. Presb. And that the Presbyteries Attestations of Commissions produced, and read in their Presence, after they are extracted and revised by them before they be put in the Hands of the Commissioners, as is ordered by the Act 9. Ass. 1718. (which see in Assemblies, Act 5.) shall run thus. At — the — Day of — Years. The Presbytery having had the above-written Extract of their Commission to their Representatives in the ensuing Assembly laid before them, they caused it to be read; and having revised and considered the same, they did approve thereof, attested by — Moderator, or — Clerk, and the Consent and Approbation adhibited by Kirk-Sessions and Presbyteries, according to the Direction of the said Act 9. Ass. 1718. to the Commissions given by Royal Burghs to their Representatives in Assembly, shall be in the Terms following, At — the — Day of — Years, The which Day the Kirk-Session of — having had laid before them, a Commission given by the Magistrates and Town-Council of — to — to Represent the said Burgh in the ensuing General Assembly of this National Church, do, in the Terms of the Act 9. Ass. 1718. testify and declare, that the said — is an Elder lawfully ordained, and that he has signed the Formula prescribed by the 11<sup>th</sup> Act of Ass. 1694. And likewise, that he is (a Residenter in the said Burgh) or (an Heritor in the Bounds of the Presbytery of — within which the said Burgh lies) or (has formerly resided and officiated as an Elder in the said Burgh) or (Presbytery of — within which the said Burgh does lie) and that the Presbyteries Attestation shall run thus At — the — Day of — Years. The which Day the Presbytery of — having had produced before them,



a Commission given by the Magistrates and Town-Council of — to — to represent the said Burgh in the ensuing Assembly of this National Church, with an Attestation of the Kirk-Session of the said Burgh, conform to the Direction of the Act 9. Ass. 1718. And Act 4. Ass. 1720. do in the Terms of the foresaid Acts likewise testify and declare, That &c. and so forth, precisely in the Words of the Form above prescribed to the Kirk-Sessions. And it's resolved and declared, That Commissions, not in the Terms above-mentioned, shall be rejected. And it is provided and declared, That if the Person elected by the Burgh-Royal be qualified as above, that the Ministry and Session, and Presbytery *respective*, do attest him when his Commission is presented to them, *Act. 4. Ass. 1720.*

THIS Form of the Commission follows, At — the — Day of — Years. The which Day the Presbytery of — did, and hereby do Nominate and Appoint Mr. — Minister at —, and Mr. — Minister at — and — Ruling Elder, Their Commissioners to the next General Assembly of this Church, endited to meet At — the — Day of — next to come, or when or where it shall happen them to sit, willing them to repair thereto, and attend all the Diets of the same, and there to Consult, Vote, and Determine in all Matters that come before them, to the Glory of God, and the Good of his Church, according to the Word of God, the Confession of Faith, and agreeable to the Constitutions of this Church, as they will be answerable; and that they Report their Diligence therein at their return therefrom. And the said Presbytery does hereby testify and declare, that all the Ministers above-named have signed the *Formula* enjoined by the 10th Act of the General Assembly, anno 1711: and all the ruling Elders above-written have signed the *Formula* prescribed by the 11 Act of Assembly 1694: And further, that all the said Commissioners are every other way qualified to be Members of Assembly according to the Acts of Assembly, extracted by —  
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**Commissioners to, or Members of Assembly,**  
 their Attendance and Expences in attending, see *Professors, Unity in Religion.*

I. 'Tis recommended to particular Presbyteries, and especially, to the ruling Elders thereof, that they may take such Course, whereby, according to Reason and former Acts of Assemblies, the Commissioners Expences to subsequent Assemblies may be born by particular Parishes of every Presbytery, who sendeth them in their Name, and in their Behalf; and to that effect, that all Sorts of Persons able in Land or Moneys proportionally, may bear a Part of the Burden as they reap the Benefit of their Pains, *As Sess. 23. and 24. December 17 and 18. Ass. 1638. Art. 10.*

II. AN Overture that the Act for furnishing Expences to Commissioners sent by Presbyteries to the General Assemblies, and sent in Commission by General Assemblies may be explained: And that it be declared, that all such Commissioners whatsoever, their Expences may be furnished by the Kirks of the Presbytery, according to the Order set down in the last Assembly, since the Errand is common, and the Benefit concerneth all; and that Order may be taken, how that an expedient voluntary Course thought fit by the Assembly, shall, by Advice of Parliament, have the force of a Law, for compelling these to pay who are stented, both for the last, and for that and subsequent Assemblies, is allowed, and referred to the Parliament, *As Sess. 22. Arg. 29. Ass. 1639. Art. 3.*

III. THE Act of the Assembly holden at Bruntisland 1601, ordaining, that in every Assembly to be convened in all Time thereafter, such as should happen to be appointed Commissioners from the General Assembly, to endure, while the Assembly next thereafter, should give an Account of their Proceedings during the whole Time of their Commission in the beginning of the Assembly, before any other Cause or Matter be handled, and their Proceedings to be allowed, or disallowed, as the Assembly should think expedient; is revived, by *As Sess. 6. July 18. Ass. 1648.*

IV. A N Overture for punctual sending of Commissioners to General Assemblies, and their Attendance during the sitting thereof, transmitted to the several Presbyteries for their Opinions, *As 10. Ass. 1697.*

V. APPOINTED, That Presbyteries choose their Commissioners for the General Assembly a competent Time before the sitting thereof, at least forty Days, and that each General Assembly appoint a Committee for Censures, to cognosce upon the Dates of Commissions, and the Attendance of these commissioned; to the End, that such Presbyteries as do not make their Election in due Time, as likewise such Commissioners as do not attend duly from the Beginning, and through the whole Diets of the General Assembly, and the Committees which they may be put upon, not having a relevant Excuse, may be censured as the General Assembly shall think fit; And it's recommended to Presbyteries to choose such ruling Elders to be their Commissioners, as may attend, and seriously to exhort them, when chosen, to make Conscience of attending upon General Assemblies, and the punctual Observance of the *As 4. Ass. 1694.* anent giving in Commissions, and making up the Rolls the Night before the Assembly meet, or the next Morning (which see in Commissions to Members, &c.) is recommended, for which Purpose the Clerk is to attend in the Assembly-House at that Time, *As 6. Ass. 1698.*

### Commissions of Assemblies, and Commission Members.

I. A Commission is granted to John Lord Midland, to present the Assemblies Supplication to his Majesty; which see in Supplication, *As 2.* And their Directions to the Commissioners from Scotland at London; which see in Letter to, and from Commissioners, *As 1.* with their Declaration to the Parliament of England; which see in Declaration, *As 1.* And their Answer to the English Minister's Letters; which see in Letters to, and from Ministers, &c. *As 2.* And he is appointed to report an Account of his Proceedings to the Commission of that Assembly. *As 11. Aug. 3. Ass. 1642. in Ann.*

II. A Commission is granted to the Ends mentioned in the Act; and particularly, with Power to use all Lawful and Ecclesiastick Ways, to advance the Unity in Religion,



Religion, and Uniformity in Church Government betwixt the Kingdoms; and to prepare Draughts of a Confession, Catechisms, and Directory for Worship; and for keeping a Correspondence betwixt the Kirks of this Island, &c. *Act Sess. 12. Aug. 5. Ass. 1642.*

III. A Commission is given to some Ministers and Elders, appointing them to repair to *England*, and to deliver the Papers therein-mentioned; and empowering them to propound, consult, treat and conclude with the Parliament, and Assembly of Divines in *England*, to the Effects mentioned in the former Act. *Sess. ult. Aug. 19. Ass. 1643.*

IV. A Commission is granted for furthering the Work of Reformation, to enjoin the subscribing of the solemn League, in Case *England* agree thereto, to call an Assembly *pro Re nata*, if Need require; and to correspond in the Assembly's Name with foreign reformed Kirks; and for the other Ends mentioned above, and in this Act, which is *Act Sess. eadem.*

V. 'TIS referred to the last mentioned Commission, to order what Number of the former Commissioners should go together, to design the Persons, determine the Time, and give them Instructions, &c. *Act Sess. eadem.*

VI. THE two above-mentioned Commissions, *Aug. 19. 1643.* for publick Affairs are renewed; and some more Ministers and Elders added to the last Act. *Sess. 6. June. 3. Ass. 1644.*

VII. THE above Commissions 1642, 1643, and 1644 are again renewed. *Act Sess. ult. Feb. 13. Ass. 1645.*

VIII. THE whole former Commissions are again renewed. *Act Sess. ult. June 18. Ass. 1646.*

IX. THEY are again renewed, by Act, *Sess. 28. Aug. ult. Ass. 1647.*

X. A new Commission is granted for the Ends mentioned in this Act; and in General, the Commissioners are empowered, to do every Thing for Preservation of the established Doctrine, Discipline, Worship and Government of this Kirk; and for prosecuting the Work of Uniformity in Religion, in all his Majesty's Dominions, &c. *Act, Sess. 29. Aug. 11. Ass. 1648.*

XI. THE Commissions granted by preceeding Assemblies, for prosecuting the Treaty of Uniformity in Religion, with the Parliament and Assembly of Divines in *England*, is again renewed. *Eadem Sess.*

XII. ANOTHER Commission is granted to some Ministers and Elders for the same Ends, with that granted by

by *Ass.* 1648. And further impowering them, to send Commissioners to *England*, for prosecuting the Treaty of Uniformity. *Act*, *Sess.* 40. Aug. 4. *Ass.* 1649.

XIII. SOME Ministers and Elders are appointed for visiting the whole Presbyteries on the South-side of *Tay*, and for other Ends mentioned in *Act* 16. *Ass.* 1690.

XIV. ANOTHER Commission is granted for visiting the whole Presbyteries on the Northside of *Tay*; and to plant, try, and purge in Manner mentioned, in *Act* 17. *eadem Sess.*

XV. MRS. *Gilbert Rule* and *David Blair* are appointed to attend the King's Majesty about the Affairs of this Church; and their Instructions, and what other Things concern their Journey, is referred to the foresaid Commission, for visiting on the South-side of *Tay*. *Act* 18. *eadem Sess.*

XVI. SOME Ministers and Elders are appointed to discuss all References and Appeals, and other Matters referred to them, conform to the Instructions given to them. *Act*, 18. *Ass.* 1694.

XVII. ANOTHER Commission is granted to the same Effect, to proceed conform to their Instructions; which see in Instructions, *Act* 1. *Act* 20. *Ass.* 1696.

XVIII. ANOTHER by *Act* 12. *Ass.* 1697.

XIX. ANOTHER by *Act* 12. *Ass.* 1698.

XX. ANOTHER by *Act* 14. *Ass.* 1699.

XXI. A Commission is granted for visiting the Bounds of the Provinces of *Angus* and *Mearns*, *Aberdeen*, *Murray* and *Ross*; and to purge and plant Churches, redress Grievances; and to try Persons disseminating erroneous Principles, and heretical Doctrines, &c. *Act* 12. *Ass.* 1700.

XXII. ANOTHER Commission is granted to four Ministers and an Elder to visit *Zealand*, *Orkney* and *Caithness*. *Act* 13. *Sess.* *eadem*,

XXIII. ANOTHER is granted for planting vacant Churches in the North; and other Affairs referred to them, and contained in their Instructions; which see in Instructions *Act* 5th, and Preceeding by *Act* 19. *Ass.* 1700.

XXIV. A Commission is granted for visiting the Presbytery of *Middlebee*; and to endeavour to remove the Grievances there. *Act* 23. *Ass.* 1700.

XXV. ANOTHER for planting vacant Kirks, &c. is granted by *Act* 15. *Ass.* 1701.

XXVI. ANOTHER to the same Purpose, is granted by *Act* 7. *Ass.* 1702.

XXVII. ANOTHER by Act 4. Ass. 1703. But here the *Quorum* is augmented to 21, whereof 15 to be Ministers.

XXVIII. ANOTHER by Act. 19. Ass. 1704.

XXIX. ANOTHER by Act 13. Ass. 1705.

XXX. ANOTHER of the same Tenor, by Act 17. Ass. 1706. The fixed Meetings of this Commission is only to be twice in the Year, viz. The first *Wednesday* of *August*, and the penult *Wednesday* of *March*; and in this Commission, the Instructions given by the preceeding Assembly, are held as repeated; The Attendance of Members strictly enjoined; Lists of Absents ordered to be sent to the Synods, in Order to censure; and also to be laid before the next Assembly.

XXXI. A Commission is granted of the same Tenor with former Ones; by Act 12. Ass. 1707.

XXXII. ANOTHER is granted by Assembly 1708, wherein the general Clause in former Commissions, empowering them to advert to the Interests of the Church on all Occasions, is cautioned with a Provision, That the said Power shall not be extended to particular Affairs, or Processes before Presbyteries or Synods, that are of universal Concern to, or Influence upon the whole Church; and the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, and other Presbyteries within twelve Miles of *Edinburgh*, are discharged to meet at any of the Diets appointed for the Meetings of the Commission. Act 8. Ass. 1708.

XXXIII, XXXIV. COMMISSIONS of the same Tenor with the former, are granted by the Ass. 1709. Act 9, Ass. 1710. Act 14.

XXXV. A Commission of the like Tenor with the former, is granted by Assembly 1711, only their *Quorum* is augmented from Twenty one to Thirty one, whereof Twenty one are always to be Ministers: And 'tis declared, That what shall be determined at one Diet, shall be unalterable by any other Diet of the Commission; and shall stand and continue in Force, until disapproved by the Assembly; and Presbyteries at the Distance of more than twelve Miles from *Edinburgh*, who have four or more Members on the Commission, are to take Care, that at least two of them attend each Diet. Act 8. Ass. 1711.

XXXVI. ANOTHER Commission of the same Tenor with the former, is given by the Assembly 1712, only this Commission is made to endure, not to the next Assembly only, as is ordered in all the preceeding Commis-

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sions; but until another Commission be appointed. Act 8. Ass. 1712.

XXXVII, XXXVIII, XXXIX, and XL. OTHER Commissions of the same Tenor, with that immediately preceeding, are granted by Ass. 1713. Act 8. Ass. 1714. Act 10. Ass. 1715. Act 11, and by Ass. 1716. But here the Instructions given by the Ass. 1715, to their Commission, are renewed; and appointed to stand for Instructions to this Commission. Act. 5. Ass. 1716.

XLI, XLII, XLIII. Other Commissions are given by Ass. 1717. Act 5, and Ass. 1718. but here again, the Instructions given by the last Assembly are renew'd, as Instructions to this Commission. Act 5. and by Ass. 1719. with the Instructions renew'd: This Commission is appointed to enquire into the publishing and spreading Books and Pamphlets tending to the diffusing the condemned *Ambsterdamer* Proposition, (which see in *Formula*) and promoting a Scheme of Opinions relative thereto; and to call the Recommenders of them before them and they are impowered to judge in Cases of Doctrine, and appointed to take care, that the Impressions of the Holy Scriptures, *Confession of Faith*, and *Catechisms*, and other Books relating to the Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government of this Church be correct. Act 11. Ass. 1719.

XLIV. ANOTHER Commission, with Instructions renew'd, are given by Ass. 1720. Act 6.

XLV. MEMBERS of the Commission are required, and ordained to give all due Attendance thereon, as they will be answerable; and the several Presbyteries are enjoined to send up such of their Number as are Members thereof, to each Quarterly Meeting of the same; and the Clerks of the Commission are ordained to record Lists of the Absents from each Quarterly Meeting, and from the Meetings in Time of Parliament, (without a reasonable Excuse) or who shall go away therefrom without Leave first obtained, and send an Extract of their Names to their respective Synods, who are impartially to enquire into the Reasons of their Absence, and to censure them as they shall see Cause, and make Report thereof to the General Assembly; and to this Effect, the Clerk of the Commission is ordered to lay before the Assembly the Lists of these Absents: And it is recommended to Presbyteries, to supply the Charges of the Ministers who are

Members of the Commission, during their Attendance thereon. *Act 6. Ass. 1703.*

XLVI. 'Tis recommended to the several Presbyteries, to send in their Advice, anent regulating the Commissions of the General Assemblies; and especially, in the Particular mentioned in the Act; and to choose the wisest, and most grave, and experienced of their Number, to represent them in the next Assembly. *Act 16. Ass. 1704.*

XLVII. 'Tis appointed and ordained, That in Time coming, the whole Presbyteries of this National Church be equally represented in Commissions of the General Assembly; and that their Representation be proportional to the Number of Ministers that are in each Presbytery, the old Ministers, who were ordained before the Year 1662, being always supernumerary: And sicklike, that two or three of the Members of the General Assembly in each Synod, be appointed as a Committee, to Name the Members of the Commission; and that the whole Representatives of Presbyteries, in the several Synods, at the Assembly, do meet by themselves, and name their respective Members of the said Committee. And it is declared, That it shall be free to any Member of the Assembly, to attend the said Committee, if they think fit: And it is appointed, That the Expences of the said Commissioners be born and defray'd by the several Presbyteries which they represent, according to the Number of the Days of their Attendance; and that their Presbyteries take care to supply their Charges with Preaching, during their Absence upon the said Account; and that such as shall be absent from the saids Commissions, or Diets of the same, without a reasonable Excuse represented to, and admitted by the Commission, be censured by their respective Synods; and that the Clerk of the Commission send Lists of these Absents to the several Synods for that End, according to the above-mentioned *Act 6. Ass. 1703. See Act 6. Ass. 1705.*

XLVIII. AND the several Presbyteries are appointed to be careful to send one, at least, of their Number, who are Members of the Commission, to attend the Meetings thereof by Turns, and to send in to the Commission, the Names of such, as they have appointed to attend the several Diets thereof; that these who are negligent in this Matter, may be censured according to former

former Acts of Assembly thereanent. *At 13. Ass.* 1705.

XLIX. It is resolved and appointed, That all Members of the Commissions of this and subsequent Assemblies, be qualified according to the Acts of Assembly, particularly, the Act 9. Assembly 1718; which see in *Assemblies* before they vote or act as such. *At 6. Ass.* 1719.

### Commission Book.

I. THE Books and Registers of the Actings and Proceedings of the above-mentioned Commissions of Assembly, are ratified and approved by the Assemblies succeeding to each Commission, as follows, viz. The Proceedings of the Commission of Assembly 1642, are approved by *At Sess.* 7. Aug. 9. *Ass.* 1643.

II. THE Proceedings of the Commissions of the General Assemblies 1643, and 1644, approved by *At Sess.* 5. Jan. 28. *Ass.* 1645.

III. THE Proceedings of the Commissioners of Assembly 1645, approved by *At Sess.* 10. June 13. *Ass.* 1646.

IV. THE Proceedings of the Commission of Assembly 1646, approved by *At Sess.* 22. Aug. 26. *Ass.* 1647.

V. THE Proceedings of the Commissioners of General Assembly 1647, especially their Declarations, Remonstrances, Representations, Petitions, Vindications, and other Papers relating to the Engagement in War against England, and their Judgment of the Unlawfulness thereof, approved by *At Sess.* 7. July 18. *Ass.* 1648.

VI. COMMISSION-BOOK 1648, by *At Sess.* 4. July 7. *Ass.* 1649.

VII. THE Proceedings of the Commissioners sent to England, and to his Majesty, are approved by *At Sess.* 6. July 10. *Ass.* 1649.

VIII. THE Proceedings of the Commissioners of Assemblies 1690 and 1694, are approved by *At 16. Ass.* 1696.

IX. THE Commission Book 1696, approved by *At 15. Ass.* 1697.

X. COMMISSION BOOK 1697, by *At 10. Ass.* 1698.

XI. COMMISSION BOOK 1698, by *At 12. Ass.* 1699.

XII. COMMISSION BOOK 1699, by *At 8. Ass.* 1700.

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XIII. COMMISSION BOOK 1700, by *Act 5. Ass.* 1701.

XIV. THE Proceedings of the Commissioners sent to *Zetland, Orkney and Caithness*, by the said Assembly 1700, are approved by *Act 12. Ass.* 1701.

XV. AND the Proceedings of the Commissioners sent by the same Assembly 1700, to *Angus, Mearns, Aberdeen, Murray and Ross*, are likewise approved, by *Act 13. ead. Sess.*

XVI. THE Commission Book 1701, is approved by *Act 7. Ass.* 1703.

XVII. THE Commission Book 1703, by *Act 15. Ass.* 1704.

XVIII. COMMISSION BOOK 1704, by *Act 8. Ass.* 1705.

XIX. THE Proceedings of the Commissioners of the General Assembly 1705, are approved by *Act 7. Ass.* 1706.

XX. THE Proceedings of the Commission 1706, by *Act 9. Ass.* 1707, and after this no approbatory Acts of that Nature are printed, because of the following Act, appointing, That in all Time thereafter the same Formula be observed, in the Approbation of the Actings and Proceedings of the Commissions of Assemblies, that is prescribed by the Acts of Assembly, to be observed in the Attestation of the Synod Books. *Act 8. Ass.* 1706.

### Commissions Royal.

THE several Commissions granted by our Sovereigns to the Noblemen aftermentioned, who represented their Royal Persons in the Assemblies of this Church, are recorded always the first *Sederunt* of each respective Assembly.

I. II. COMMISSIONS by King *William* and Queen *Mary* to *John Lord Carmichael*, to represent their Royal Persons in Assembly 1690 and 1694, are recorded in the first Acts of these Assemblies.

III. IV. V. VI. COMMISSIONS by King *William* to the same Lord *Carmichael*, to represent his Royal Person in Assemblies 1696, 1697, 1698, and 1699, are recorded in the first Acts of the said Assemblies.

VII. A Commission by King *William* to *James Viscount of Seafield*, to represent his Royal Person in Assembly 1700, is recorded in Act 1. of that Assembly.

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VIII. A Commission by the same King, to *William Earl of Annandale*, Commissioner to Assembly 1701, recorded in Act 1. of that Assembly.

IX. Another by King *William* to *Patrik Earl of Marchmont*, then Lord High Chancellor, Commissioner to Assembly 1702, recorded in Act 1. of that Assembly.

X. A Commission by Queen *Anne*, to the said *James* then Earl of *Seafeld*, and Lord High Chancellor, her Commissioner to Assembly 1703, recorded in Act 1. of that Assembly.

XI. ANOTHER by her Majesty, to *William Lord Ross*, her Commissioner to Assembly 1704, recorded in Act 1. of that Assembly.

XII. ANOTHER by her Majesty, to the said *William* then Marquis of *Annandale*, to represent her in Assembly 1705, is recorded in Act 1. of that Assembly.

XIII. XIV. XV. XVI. XVII. COMMISSIONS by her Majesty, to *David Earl of Glasgow*, for Assemblies 1706, 1707, 1708, 1709, 1710. are recorded in the first Acts of these Assemblies.

XVIII. HER Commission to *William Marquess of Annandale*, to represent her Royal Person in Assembly 1711, is recorded in Act 1. of that Assembly.

XIX. XX. XXI. HER Commissions to *John Duke of Athole*, to represent her Majesty in Assemblies 1712, 1713, and 1714, are recorded in the first Acts of these Assemblies.

XXII. XXIII. XXIV. XXV. XXVI. XXVII. His Majesty King *George* his Commissions to *John Earl of Rothes*, to represent his Royal Person in Assemblies 1715, 1716, 1717, 1718, 1719, and 1720. are recorded in Acts 1st of the foresaid Assemblies.

Committees, see Ordering of the Assembly-House, Act 1. § 4.

UPON the News of King *William's* Sickness, a Committee is appointed to name Members of a Commission, and to draw Instructions to them. Act 4. Ass. 1702.

Committee for Censures, see Commissioners to Assembly, Act 5.

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*Abridgment of the Acts*  
**Committee of Estates, see Engagement in**  
*War with England.*  
**Common-Prayer Book.**

THE Book of Common-Prayer is rejected and condemned, not only as illegally introduced upon the Reformed Kirk within this Realm; but also, as repugnant to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Order of this Kirk, to the Confession of Faith, Constitutions of General Assemblies, and Acts of Parliament, establishing the true Religion; and the Use and Practice thereof is prohibited, and Presbyteries are ordained to proceed with the Censures of the Kirk against such as transgress. *Act Sess. 14, Dec. 6. 1638.*

**Common Tunes, see Tunes.**  
**Communion, see Catechism, Lord's Supper, Ignorance.**

It is recommended to all Ministers, in whose Parishes, Persons educated in other Protestant Churches may happen to reside, to show all Tenderness to them when they come to desire the Benefit of Sealing Ordinances; and if such Strangers, being free of Scandal, and professing their Faith in Christ, and Obedience to him, shall desire Baptism to their Children, Ministers shall cheerfully comply with their Desire, in administering the Sacrament of Baptism to their Children, upon the Parents engaging to educate them in the Fear of God, and Knowledge of the Principles of the Reformed Protestant Religion. *Act 13. 1711.*

**Communicants, see Lord's Supper.**  
**Competing Calls.**

'Tis recommended to Presbyteries, to think upon some Overture to prevent Competitions of Calls; and in case of such, how to prevent their coming to superior Judicatories; as also, an Overture to prevent the giving of a second Call, by a different Parish, to any Minister or Probationer, during the Dependance of a prior



prior Call from another Parish or Parishes, and Process thereupon, and until the first Call and Process be discuss. *Act 14. Ass. 1708.*

**Competency of Judicatures and Processes,  
see Bounds of Jurisdiction, Appeals, Act 6.  
Gross Scandals.**

I. WHEN a Business is moved, the Judicature should first consider if it be proper for them to enter upon it, and if it be orderly brought in; and whether it be proper for them to discuss it themselves, or only to prepare it for superior Judicatures; and they should endeavour to shorten their Work as much, as with the Edification of the Church they can, and as will consist with prudent Zeal against Sin. *Form Proc. Cap. 2. § 2. Act 11. Ass. 1707.*

II. WHEN Persons guilty of Uncleanness, live one in one Parish, and another in another Parish, the Process and Censures are to be before the Session of the Parish where the Woman liveth, or where the Scandal is most notour. *Form Proc. Cap. 4. § 15. Act 11. Ass. 1707.* If a Scandal of Uncleanness be committed where neither Party resides, the Persons guilty are to be Processed and Censured where their ordinary Abode is, except the Place of their Abode be at a considerable Distance from the Place where the Sin was committed, and the Scandal be most flagrant where it was committed. *Ibid. § 6.*

**Complainer and Complaints, see Assemblies,  
Act 4. Ministers, Act 5. § 3.**

**Compliers with Enemies, see Publick Enemies.**

THAT no Person guilty of Compliance in the first Class, mentioned in *Seff. 14. June 17. Ass. 1646.* which see in *Publick Enemies*, be received into any Ecclesiastical Charge, until the Evidence of his Repentance, before the Presbytery and Congregation, be reported to the Synod to which he belongs, and to the General Assembly, and their Consent obtained to his bearing Office; and that any such Person already received into the Eldership of any

any particular Congregation, be not admitted to be a Member of any Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly, until (upon Evidence of his Repentance) the Consent and Approbation of these Judicatories *respective* be obtained thereto. *Act Sess. 27. Aug. ult. Ass. 1647.*

Concealing the Father of a Child, see *Father, Adultery.*

Conference, see *Prophaneness, Act 4. § 5.*

Confession of Faith, see *Covenant, Papists, Act 1. 8. Atheistical Opinions, School-masters, Act 2. 3. Commissions to Members of Assemblies, Act 4. Instructions, Act 1. § 6. Act 2. § 6. Students of Theology, Act 3. Bourgeoisism, Act 4. Doctrine, Act 1. 4. Universities, Act 4.*

I. AN Overture, That all Persons, of whatsoever State or Condition, be obliged to swear and subscribe the *Confession of Faith*, as then condescended on by the General Assembly, under Pain of Censure; referred to the several Presbyteries, by *Sess. 23, 24. Dec. 17, 18. Ass. 1638. Art. 11.*

II. 'Tis ordained, That no sort of Person, of whatsoever Quality or Degree, be permitted to speak or write against the *Confession of Faith*, concluded on by this Kirk, both concerning Doctrine and Discipline; or against that Assembly, or any Act thereof, upon the Pain of Censure. *Ibid. Art. 17.*

III. THE *Confession of Faith*, and *National Covenant* and *Oath* of this Kirk, as renewed in February 1638, is allowed and approven in the haill Heads and Articles thereof; and all Masters of Universities, Colleges and Schools, and all others who had not already subscribed the said *Confession* and *Covenant*, are ordained to subscribe the same, with these Words prefixt to the Subscription, *viz. The Articles of this Covenant, which was at the first Subscription referred to the Determination of the Assembly, being now determined at Glasgow, in December 1638, and whereby the five Articles of Perth, and the Government of the Kirk by Bishops* bring

being declared to be abjured and removed, the Civil Places and Power of Kirk-men declared to be unlawful; we subscribe, according to the Determination of the said free and lawful General Assembly. And the said Covenant, with that Declaration, is ordained to be insert in the Registers of the Assemblies of this Kirk, General, Provincial, and Presbyterial, *ad perpetuam rei memoriam.* *Act Sess. 26. Dec. 20. Ass. 1638.* And by a subsequent Act of the same Date, his Majesty is Addressed, That he would acknowledge and approve the foresaid true Interpretation, by his Royal Warrant, to be put in Record for that Effect; and in the mean time the swearing, or subscribing the said Confession as wrested to a contrary Meaning, by an Explication thereof made by the Privy Council is prohibite and discharged under the pain of Ecclesiastick Censure, but that they subscribe the same as in the former Act, *Ibid.*

IV. THE General Assembly, by their Supplication to His Majesty's Commissioner, and Lords of secret Council, do vindicate themselves from all disloyal Designs, and do solemnly swear their mutual Concurrence and Assistance for the Cause of Religion, and Defence of his Majesty's Person and Government, in the Preservation and Defence of the true Religion, Liberties and Laws of this Kirk and Kingdom, in quiet Manner, or in Arms, as they should be required by his Majesty, his Council, or any having their Authority; and do humbly supplicate them to enjoin by an Act of Council, the Subscription of the Confession and Covenant. In Answer to which Supplication, the Lords of Privy Council, by their Act *August 3. 1639.* subjoined to this Act, do ordain accordingly, *Act Sess. 23. August 30. Ass. 1639.* And his Majesty's Commissioner declares his Majesty's Allowance and Consent, that the Covenant, with the Assemblies foresaid Explanation, be subscribed throughout all the Kingdom *Ibid.* and he, in his Majesty's Name, does subscribe the same, with a Declaration prefixt, that the said Confession is one in Substance with that which was subscribed by his Majesty's Father in 1580, 1581, and 1590, and oftner since renewed; and declares his Majesty's Consent that an Act of Assembly be past enjoining the Subscription of the same; but subjoins a Declaration that the Practice of the Things prohibited by the Covenant, within this Kirk and Kingdom, out with the Kingdom of Scotland, should never bind nor infer Censure against the Practisers out with the



the Kingdom, and desires, that the same might be insert in the Register of the Kirk. The Assembly refuses to give Warrant for such Practice, as not agreeable with a good Conscience, but the same is insert only vocitative, *Ibid.*

V THE Confession of Faith and Covenant is again approven, and ordained to be subscribed, as afore-said; As also by all Scholars at passing their Degrees, by all Persons suspected of Papistry. And finally, by all Members of this Kirk and Kingdom, and the Parliament is supplicate by their Authority to ratify and enjoin the same, under all civil Pains, *Ibid.*

VI: THE Confession of Faith for the Kirks of God in the three Kingdoms, agreed upon by the Assembly of Divines sitting at *Westminster*, with assistance of Commissioners from the Kirk of *Scotland*, found to be most agreeable to the Word of God, and in nothing contrary to the received Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, and Government of this Kirk: And is therefore approven and agreed unto by the Assembly for their Part, as a common Confession of Faith for the three Kingdoms. And its declared, that the not mentioning thereof, the several Sorts of Ecclesiastical Officers and Assemblies, shall be no Prejudice to the Truths of Christ in these particulars, to be expressed fully in the Directory for Government, and that the Assembly understands some Parts of *Art. 2. Cap. 31.* only of Kirks not settled or constituted in Point of Government, and that altho' in such Kirks a Synod of Ministers and other fit Persons may be called by the Magistrates Authority and Nomination, without any other Call, to consult and advise with, about Matters of Religion; and although likewise the Ministers of Christ, without Delegation from their Churches, may of themselves, by Virtue of their Offices, meet together Synodically, in such Kirks not yet constituted; yet neither of these ought to be done in Kirks constituted and settled; It being always free to the Magistrate, to advise with Synods of Ministers and Ruling Elders, meeting upon Delegation from their Churches, either ordinarily, or being indited by his Authority occasionally & *pro Re nata*: It being also free to assemble together Synodically, as well *pro re nata*, as at ordinary Times, upon Delegation from the Churches, by the Intrinsic Power received from Christ, as often as it is necessary for the Good of the Church so to assemble,

in case the Magistrate, to the Detriment of the Church, withhold or deny his Consent; the Necessity of Occasional Assemblies being first remonstrated to him by humble Supplication. *Act Sess. 23. Aug. 27. Ass. 1647.*

VII. THAT all Probationers licensed to Preach, all Intrants to the Ministry, and all other Ministers and Elders, received into Communion with the Church in its Government, be obliged to subscribe their Approbation of the *Confession of Faith*, approved by the former General Assemblies of this Church, and ratified in the second Session of the then current Parliament; *Act 5. June 7. 1690.* And this is recommended to the Diligence of the several Presbyteries, and they are appointed to record their diligence thereanent in their respective Registers: *Act 7. Ass. 1690. Ann. 1.*

VIII. IT is recommended to all Synods and Presbyteries, to enquire what Ministers, Probationers, or Schoolmasters within their respective bounds, have not subscribed the *Confession of Faith*, conform to former Acts of the General Assembly, as the *Confession of their Faith*; that these that have not done it, may be put thereto, and that there be a new Impression of the *Confession of Faith* in Folio, for that End. *Act 13. Ass. 1699.*

IX. THAT all Ministers and Ruling Elders belonging to this National Church, subscribe the *Confession of Faith*, as the *Confession of their Faith*, according to the Act of Assembly 1690, and the *Formula* agreed upon in the Assembly held in the Year 1694, *Act 11. § 6.* Which see in *Instructions*. And that this be done betwixt and the next Assembly. *Act 11. Ass. 1700.*

## Confession of Parties.

IF a Person do voluntarily confess uncleanness, and if there be no Child, and the Case be brought to the Kirk-session, the Session is to enquire, what Presumptions there are of the Truth of the Thing confessed, or what may have moved the Person to make that Confession; whether it floweth from Disquietness of Mind; or from sinister Design; and the Persons concerned are to be dealt with, according as the Presumptions, upon Search, are found, or not. *Form Proc. Cap. 4. § 12. Act 11. Ass. 1707.* If it be found there is no Ground for the Confession, and that it is false, the Person confessing is to be censured, as defaming himself, and likewise, as a Slanderer of the o-

ther Party : And withal, Application is to be made to the Civil Magistrate, that he may be punished according to Law. *Ibid.* § 13.

**Confirmation**, see *Articles of Perth.*

**Conform**, or, **Episcopal Ministers**, see *North.*

**Congregations**, see *Father*, § 7.

**T H A T** in presenting, either of Pastors, or Readers and Schoolmasters, to particular Congregations, there be a Respect had to the Congregation ; and that no Person be intruded in any Office of the Kirk, contrair to the Will of the Congregation to which they are appointed, *Act Sess. 23 & 24 Decem. 17 & 18. Ass. 1638. Act. 20.*

**Consecration**, see *Ordination.*

**Consent of the People**, see *Congregations.*

**Consulting with Spirits**, see *Witchcraft. Act 1, in fine Act 2.*

**Contrair Oaths**, see *Oaths.*

**Contribution**, see *Christian Knowledge, Schools, Act 5. Bursars.*

**Controversies of Religion**, see *Students of Theologie, Act 1 in fine. Presbyterial Meetings.*

**T H A T** controverted Heads of Doctrine be handled, and publickly disputed in Presbyteries once every Month. *Act Sess. 23 & 24, Decem. 17 & 18. Ass. 1638. See this Act in Presbyterial Meetings.*

**Contumacy**, see *Scandals. Act 1. Excommunication the bigger, Father, gross Scandals.*

**T H O** a Person not appearing on the third Citation, or upon a Citation *quod acta*, and not adducing and verifying a relevant Excuse, be censurable for Contumacy ; yet



it may be fit to take Cognition of the Verity of the Scandals delated against him, either by examining of Witnesses upon Oath, or other Documents, before they censure him for Contumacy. *Form. Proc. Cap. 2. § 6. Act 11. Ass. 1707.*

Converts from Popery, see *Papists, Act 8.*  
Correspondence among Juditatures, see *Provincial Assemblies, Remedies against Sins,*  
and there, *Ecclesiastick Remedy against Prophaneness. 14. Absolution, Orkney.*

I. THAT Correspondence be kept amongst Presbyteries constantly by Letters, without Prejudice of the personal Correspondence when need requires; that one Presbytery may understand what many are doing, and they may be mutually assisting each to other. *Act Sess. ult. June 18. Ass. 1646.*

II. WHEN there is a Scandal of Uncleanness, whereof Persons are guilty living in different Parishes, the Session where the Sin is committed, is to acquaint the other Sessions where any of the Persons reside, who are, *ex debito*, to cause summon these Persons to appear before that Session where the Scandal is to be tried, *Form. Proc. Cap. 4. § 17. Act 11. Ass. 1707.* When a Person is convict of Scandal by a Session of another Congregation than his own, and the Censure of the lesser Excommunication is inflicted, the Session is to send an Account thereof to that Session to which he belongs; but there is no need of any other Sentence of his own Session, to fix the Censure on him, but only a publick Intimation thereof to be made in his own Parish. *Ibid. § 18.*

III. THE Synods of Lothian, Perth, Fife and Aberdeen, are ordained to send Correspondents to the Synod of Angus, until the Assembly should see Cause to alter it: *Act 7. Ass. 1701.* And this Correspondence is continued for one Year, and is thenceforth declared to cease, and the foresaid four Synods to be free of the Burden thereof; unless, upon Application of the said Synod of Angus to subsequent Assemblies, they should see cause to continue or renew the same. *Act 6. Ass. 1718.*

**Corruptions of the Times, and Corruptions in the Ministry,** see *Ministers, Act 1, 2. Silence of Ministers.*

**Court-attendance** is prohibited in *Ministers,* see *Ministers, Act 1,* and there, *Corruptions in their Persons and Lives. § 5.*

**Covenant,** see *Confession of Faith, Acts 3, 4, 5. Speakers against the Covenant, Expectants, Act 2. Students of Philosophy, Silence of Ministers, Declaration, Acts 3, 4, 5. § 9, Act 6. prope finem.*

THE advice of the Commissioners of the General Assembly 1642, recommending to Presbyteries to have Copies of the Covenant, to be subscribed by every Minister at his Admission, is approven, and the Covenant appointed to be printed, with the said Ordinance prefix'd thereto; and that every Synod, Presbytery and Parish, have one of them bound in *Quarto*, with some blank Paper, whereupon every Person may be obliged to subscribe; and that the Covenants of the Synods and Presbyteries be kept by their Moderators *respective*; of Universities, by their Principals; and of Parishes, by their Ministers, with all Carefulness; and that a particular Account of Obedience to this Act, be required thereafter in all Visitations of Parishes, Universities and Presbyteries, and in all Trials of Presbyteries and Synods: And all Ministers are ordained to make Intimation of the Act of Assembly at *Edinburgh 1639, Aug. 30,* enjoining all Persons to subscribe the Covenant, under all Ecclesiastical Censure, in their Kirks, and thereafter to proceed with the Censures of the Kirk, against such as shall refuse to subscribe the Covenant; and that exact Account be taken of every Minister's Diligence thereintill by their Presbyteries and Synods, as they would answer to the General Assembly. *Act Sess. 6. Aug. 8. Ass. 1643.*

II. THE Resolutions of the Committees of the Convention of Estates of *Scotland*, and of the General Assembly, and of the Commissioners of the Two Houses of the Parliament of *England*, That the Form of the Covenant to be entered

entred into by both Nations, then condescended on, and agreed amongst them, should be presented to the General Assembly, to the Convention of Estates of *Scotland*, and to the Two Houses of the Parliament of *England*, by their respective Committees and Commissioners, that it might, with all Speed, receive their respective Resolutions, is narrated in *Act Sess. 14. Aug. 17. Ass. 1643.*

III. AND the Covenant above mentioned is unanimously approved and embraced by the Assembly, as the most powerful mean, by the Blessing of God, for settling & preserving the true Protestant Religion, & perfect Peace in his Majesty's Dominions, and propagating the same to other Nations. and for establishing His Majesty's Throne to all Ages and Generations: And 'tis recommended to the Convention of Estates, that being examined and approved by them, it may be sent with all Speed to the Kingdom of *England*, that being received and approved there, it may be, with publick Humiliation, and all religious and answerable Solemnity, sworn and subscribed by all true Professors of the Reformed Religion, and all His Majesty's good Subjects in both Kingdoms. *Ibid.*

IV. THAT all Ministers take Notice when any Person, disaffected to the National Covenant of this Kirk, and to the Solemn League and Covenant of the Three Kingdoms, shall come within their Parishes, and so soon as they shall happen to know the same, That without Delay they cause warn them to appear before the Presbyteries within which their Parishes lie, or before the Commissioners of the General Assembly, as they shall find most convenient; and which Warning is declared a sufficient Citation; and that Ministers and Elders relate to the said Judicatories *respective*, every such disaffected Person, although without their own Parish, so soon as they shall hear and be informed of them; and the Commission is ordained, not only to proceed to Trial and Censure of such disaffected Persons, but also, to take a special Account of the Diligence of Ministers, Elders, and Presbyteries therein *respective*. *Act Sess. 6. June 3. Ass. 1644.*

V. THAT all young Students take the Covenant at their first Entry to Colleges, and that all Persons whatsoever take the Covenant at their first Receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; and that all Provincial Assemblies, Presbyteries and Universities, be careful that this Act be observed, and that Account thereof be taken in



the Visitation of Universities and particular Kirks, and in the Trial of Presbyteries. *Act* 3<sup>d</sup> 31, Aug. 7. *Ass.* 1648.

**Crucifixes**, see *Idolatrous Monuments*.

**Cursing and Swearing**, see *Prophaneness*, *Act* 3. § 6.

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**Dalry-parish**, see *Stranrauer*.

**THE** Parishes of *Dalry* and *Carsfern* are disjoyned from the Presbytery of *Wigtoun*, and re-united, and again annexed to the Presbytery of *Kirkcudbright*, as they were before the *Act* 4, *Ass.* 1699. see *Act* 13, *Ass.* 1703.

**Dancing**, see *Lykwakes*.

**PROMISCUOUS** Dancing is prohibited and discharged, and the Censure thereof referred, and earnestly recommended to the Care and Diligence of the several Presbyteries. *Act* 3<sup>d</sup> 18, July 19. *Ass.* 1649. And this *Act* is revived by *Act* 20, *Ass.* 1701. which see in *Lykwakes*.

**Dangers of Religion**, see *Declaration*, *Act* 3. 5.

**Deacons**, see *Worship secret*. *Act* 4.

**ITS** recommended to all Ministers to take care, that Deacons as well as Elders be ordained in such Congregations where Deacons are wanting: But is declared, That Deacons, as such, shall have no decisive Voice in calling of Ministers, or in the Exercise of Church-discipline. *Act* 7. *Ass.* 1719.

**Deans**, see *Titles of Dignity*.

**Debarring from the Communion**, see *Remedies of Sins*, and there, particular *Ecclesiastick Remedy* 4.

**Declaration,** see *Parliament of England, Act 2. 3. Supplication, Act 3. Mr. Alexander Henderson in Lit. H. large Declaration.*

I. THE Declaration of the Parliament of England, shewing their Desire to have an Uniformity in Church Government, betwixt the Kingdoms, and the Assemblies Answer thereto, pressing the same from the several Arguments, Motives, and Encouragements therein mentioned, are recorded in *Sess. 8. Aug. 3. Ass. 1642.*

II. THE Declaration subscribed by the *Scottish Lords at Oxford*, is condemned as a perfidious Bond, and an unnatural Confederacy, &c. and the Subscribers thereof, or of the like Declaration, or Bond, or any that were accessory to the framing, or Execution thereof, are declared to deserve the highest Censure of the Kirk; The Commission is impowered to execute this Act by themselves, or to refer the same to Presbyteries or Synods, as they should think convenient; and they are discharged to relax the Delinquents from the Sentences that should be pronounced against them, without the Advice of the Assembly, or Commissioners thereof, *in extremis*; And 'tis also recommended to the Parliament, exemplarily to punish the Guilty, and to put some publick Note of Ignominy upon the Declaration or Bond in self. *Ass. Sess. 6. June 3. Ass. 1644.*

III. A Declaration and brotherly Exhortation of the Assembly to their Brethren in England, rehearsing the several Advances made in the Work of Reformation in both Kingdoms, lamenting the Stop then made thereto in England, and the imminent Dangers of the common Cause of Religion, by the spreading of dangerous Errors, and Sects, aggravated from the breach of Covenant; in many particulars mentioned in that Declaration; and especially, in offering Violence to the Rights, Privileges and Authority of the Magistracy, complaining of several of the Proceedings of the Army in Summer 1647, in so far as Religion is therein concerned, especially, that their Proposals for settling of Peace, are, in Point of Religion, inconsistent with the solemn League and Covenant, and Propositions of Peace formerly

merly agreed on by both Kingdoms, in the particulars mentioned in that Declaration, beseeching the People of *England*, of all Ranks, who have entred into the League and Covenant with *Scotland*, and particularly, the Houses of Parliament, City of *London*, and Assembly of Divines, to be humbled for the Sins of the Land, especially breach of Covenant, to hold fast the Profession of their Faith, to continue constant and zealous in advancing Reformation, in suppressing of Heresy and Error, according to the Covenant, and promising the same on their Part, by the Grace of Christ, particularly desiring, that Presbyterian Government may be settled, and put in practice throughout that Kingdom. *Lastly*, Declaring, That their Zeal for the Covenant and Presbyterian Government doth not abate or diminish in any Thing, their Loyalty and Duty to the King's Majesty, wherewith their Enemies falsely Reproach them, but doth much strengthen and support the same; and concluding with a Prayer for a safe and well grounded Peace to God's People, is recorded in *Sess. 15. Aug. 20. A.D. 1647.*

IV. THE Declaration and Act of Parliament of the Date, *June 10. 1648.* And an Act of the Committee of Estates of the Date *July 12. the said Year*, ordaining all the Subjects by Subscription, to acknowledge as just, and oblige themselves to adhere unto the said Declaration, and to join and concur with their Persons and Estates, in the Assistance of the Execution and Observation of the Acts and Constitutions of that Parliament, under the Certification mentioned in the said Act of the Committee, is declared unlawful and sinful, for the Reasons mentioned in this Act of Assembly; and all the Members of this Kirk, are warned and charged to forbear the subscribing of the said Act and Declaration, or urging thereof, as they would not incur the Wrath of God, and Censure of the Kirk: And are likewise enjoined to forbear the swearing, subscribing, or pressing of any new Oaths or Bonds in that Cause, without Advice and Concurrence of the Kirk, especially any negative Oaths or Bonds, which may any way limit or restrain them in the Duties whereunto they are obliged by the National or solemn League and Covenant, with Certification as aforesaid; and such as have already been guilty in this Matter, are exhorted to Repent; and the Execution of this Act

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is remitted to Presbyteries, or in case of their Negligence, or being overawed, to provincial Synods, or Commissioners of Assembly, and for that End, 'tis appointed to be sent to the Presbyteries to be published in the several Kirks of their Bounds. *At Sess. 18. July 28. Ass. 1648.*

V. A Declaration by the General Assembly 1648, concerning the Dangers of Religion, especially, the Engagement in War against *England*, which is declared sinful and unlawful, for the many Reasons mentioned in the said Declaration, containing many Exhortations and Directions to all the Members of the Kirk, shewing the Assemblies Sense of the Duties of the present Time, and of the said Dangers, particularly, from the Sins of the Land, the Insolence of the Army, and Encroachments made upon the Liberties of the Kirk, the many Ways mentioned in that Declaration; and earnestly exhorting, charging, and requiring Ministers. *1mo*, To search into, and Mourn for the Sins of the Land, especially Breach of the solemn League. *2do*, To Honour and Respect Authority, with a due Subordination to the Will of God. *3do*, To avoid Malignancy on the one Hand, and Sectarianism on the other, both which are characterized by several Marks in this Declaration. *4to*, Not to concur or assist in the Engagement. *5to*, Nor suffer themselves to be abused with the fair Pretences of these that carry it on, *6to*, That they mistake not the Nature of the reformed Religion, or Government of the Church, as if it were inconsistent with the King's Prerogative, Privileges of Parliament, and Liberties of the Nation. *7mo*, That they beware of taking of Oaths, or subscribing of Bonds relating to the Covenant, unless approved by the Assembly, or Commission. *8vo*, That they live by Faith, and continue steadfast. *9to*, To remember, that no Laws nor Authority can absolve them from the Obligations of the solemn League and Covenant; that Ministers be free and faithful in their Preaching, as they would escape the Censures of the Kirk, which Presbyteries are appointed to inflict; and all civil Judicatures and Persons in Power are exhorted to remember they are to give an Account to God, and that they enslave not the Consciences of their Brethren with new Oaths and Bonds, *Sess. 21. July 24. Ass. 1648.*

VI. ANOTHER Declaration of that Assembly to their Brethren of *England*, blessing God for the Uniformity in Religion, and lamenting breach of Covenant, shewing that the generality of the Church Judicatories and many others of the Nation had dissented from, openly declared, supplicated and protested against the Engagement, shewing that they still continue steadfast in the Covenant, and expect the same from *England*; they exhort them to Repent for their Sins, particularly breach of Covenant, in complying with Sectaries, and their slow Progress in Reformation; they dehorth the Parliament of *England*, from complying either with Sectaries or Malignants; they shew their abhorrence from the Purposes of these who mind the Subversion of Monarchical Government, which they wish may be continued in his Majesty's Person and Posterity; their dislike with the Practices of these who deal so hardly with his Majesty's Person, and shew their Desire of having the King restored to the exercise of his Power, upon his giving Security for Religion, and for establishing and enjoining of the Covenant in all the three Kingdoms, is recorded in *Ses. 22. Aug. 1. Ass. 1648.*

VII. A Warning and Declaration from the General Assembly of this Kirk to all the Members thereof, concerning the Dangers and Duties of the Times, wherein they acknowledge their merciful Deliverances from many Trials; they warn the People of the Judgments due for breach of Covenant; of their Dangers from a malignant and scandalous Party in the Army, and at home, and from standing Armies, of such in *Ireland*; from the Sectaries in *England*; from the King's hearkening to the Councils of those, who were the Authors of the Miseries of his Royal Father; they exhort to Repentance and love of the Truth, and encourage them to Self-defence in case of Invasion from Sectaries or Malignants, and to adhere to their Principles; and after a short narrative of the Proceedings, both of Church and State, with the King's Royal Father, all are exhorted to wrestle with God on behalf of the King, that he may be recovered out of the Snare of evil Council, and be brought to give Satisfaction to the publick Desires of Church and State, and in their Stations, to use all Endeavours with himself and others for that Effect, and upon Satisfaction given, to be willing to admit him to the exercise of his Power, and chearfully obey him

in all Things, according to the Will of God, and the Laws of the Kingdom; and to do every Thing that tends to the Preservation of his Majesty's Person and just Greatness and Authority in the Defence and Preservation of the true Religion, and Liberties of the Kingdom, but to defend the Kingdom against Invasion; and the Assembly declares it to be their Sentiments, That as Magistrates and their Power is from God, so they are, in the Exercise thereof, to walk according to the Law of Equity or Righteousness, as being the Ministers of God for the Safety of the People; That there is a mutual Obligation and Stipulation betwixt the King and his People; and as both of them are tied to God, so each of them are tied to one another for the Performance of mutual and reciprocal Duties, as is clear from the Coronation Oath, established by *Act 8. Parl. 1. Ja. VI.* That the Duty of defending and preserving the King's Person and Authority, is joined with, and subordinate unto the Duty of preserving and defending the true Religion and Liberties of the Kingdoms; that arbitrary Government and unlimited Power is the Fountain of most of all the Corruptions, both in Kirk and State; that it's no strange nor new Thing, for Kingdoms to preserve Religion and themselves from Ruin, by putting restraint upon the exercise of the Power and Government of these, who have refused to grant these Things, that were necessary for the good of Religion, and the Peoples Safety; People are exhorted, to beware of the subtle Devices that may be essayed to draw them off to dispende, at least, with some Part of the necessary Desires propounded to his Majesty for securing Religion; They are exhorted, to endeavour to procure from his Majesty, that he not only swear the Coronation Oath, but his Allowance of the Covenant, and Obligation to prosecute the Ends thereof, and that he enjoin the Covenants, establish Presbyterial Government, the Directory for Worship, Confession of Faith and Catechisms, and that he shall observe these in his own Practice and Family; And the Assembly declares the Obligation of the Covenant perpetual: They exhort the Parliament to their Duty, and not to be wanting in any necessary Testimony of Duty and Loyalty to the King, and constantly to adhere to their former Principles, Resolutions and Desires of him, concerning Religion and the Covenant, that they purge out of all Places of Trust  
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Civil and Military, all Malignants and Sectarians; the Army is exhorted to stick closely by the Cause of God against Malignants and Sectarians, and to carry Christianly. Ministers are exhorted to walk examplarily, and to take heed to their Flocks, and to declare to them the whole Council of God, to give them timely warning of every Danger and Duty, especially of the Times, is recorded in *Seff. 27. July 27. Ass. 1649.*

**Defaming,** see *Confession of Parties.*

**Degrees,** see *Confession of Faith, Act 5.*

**Deists,** see *Atheistical Opinions.*

It is recommended to all Ministers and Church Judicatories, to observe and put in Execution the 21 Act, *Ass. 1696.* Intituled, *Act against the Atheistical Opinions of the Deists, and for establishing the Confession of Faith, Act 17. Ass. 1697.*

**Deposed Ministers, and Deposition of Ministers,** see *Excommunication, Act 1. Ministers, Act 1, 5, 6.*

I. Presbyteries are ordained to proceed with the Censures of the Kirk to Excommunication, against these Ministers, who being deposed by the Assembly, acquiesce not in their Sentences; but exercise some Part of their Ministerial Function, refuse themselves, and withdraw others from the Obedience of the Acts of Assembly, *Ass. Seff. 24. December 18. Ass. 1638.*

II. THE Sentences pronounced against the Ministers deposed, by the several Commissions granted by the Assemblies at *Glasgow*, are approved as just and lawful Decrees. *Ass. Seff. 19. Aug. 27, Ass. 1639.*

III. ALL these Ministers, who were deposed before Synods, for subscribing the Declinator, and reading the Service Book, being guilty of no other gross Fault, are recommended to the said Synods, to be by them, upon their true Repentance, and Submission to the Constitutions of this Kirk, found capable of the Ministry, when God should grant them an ordinary and lawful Calling by Admission from the Presbytery, either in the Church they served in before or in any other. *Act, Seff. 20. Aug. 28. Ass. 1639.*

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IV. THE ACT 38. Sess. 8. at *Edinburgh*, October 24. *Ass.* 1578. Ordaining Ministers, who are deposed, to be charged under the Pain of Excommunication, to demit their Places, that they may be unquestionably vacant, is renewed and remitted to the Parliament. *Ass.* 22. Aug. 29. *Ass.* 1639. *Art.* 5.

V. THAT Ministers, who are deposed, either by Presbyteries, Synods, or General Assemblies, or Committees from Assemblies, for the publick Cause of Reformation, and Order of this Kirk, shall not be suddenly received again to the Ministry, till they first evidence their Repentance, both before the Presbytery and Synod; within the Bounds where they were deposed; and thereafter, the same reported to the next ensuing General Assembly. *Act Sess.* 8. *Aug.* 2. *Ass.* 1641.

VI. ALL Provincial Assemblies are discharged to repon any Minister deposed by the General Assembly; and all Presbyteries to repon Ministers deposed either by Provincial or General Assemblies; and all such Sentences of Reposition by the Inferior Judicatories *respective*, are declared null in themselves, and that the Sentences of Deposition by the Superior Judicatories *respective*, shall stand valid and effectual notwithstanding thereof. *Act Sess.* 10, *Aug.* 12, *Ass.* 1643.

VII. THAT no Minister deposed, be restored again to that Place where formerly he served. *Ass Sess.* ult. *Febr.* 13. *Ass.* 1645.

VIII. THAT notwithstanding of any Licence to be granted for opening the Mouths of deposed Ministers, yet they shall not be actually admitted to any particular Congregation: But 'tis declared, for such as had already their Mouths opened before that Time, That if any Calling to a particular Charge be offered unto them before the next Assembly, it should be sufficient for them to have their Consent of the Commissioners of that Assembly. *Ass Sess.* 11, *July* 21, *Ass.* 1648. *Nota*, This Act bears a Narrative of the Danger of receiving deposed Ministers at that Time, when Malignancy was like to spread, and that it was found necessary, until the Ends of the Solemn League and Covenant were settled and secured, to restrain the Suddenness of admitting deposed Ministers to particular Charges.

IX. THAT whosoever, after the Sentence of Deposition pronounced against them, do either exercise any Part of the Ministerial Calling in the Places where they formerly

merely served, or elsewhere, or do possess, meddle, or introuet with the Stipend, or other Benefits whatsoever, belonging to these Kirks they served at, shall be proceeded against with Excommunication; and if any suspended Minister, during his Suspension, either exercise any Part of the Ministerial Calling, or introuet with the Stipend, that he be deposed, and, after Deposition, continuing in either of these Faults, that he be processed with Excommunication; but Prejudice always to them of their Stipend resting for bygone Service, and of any Recompence due for building or repairing of the Manse, according to the ordinary Practice: And 'tis seriously recommended to Presbyteries, to be careful of the putting of that Act in Execution. *Act Sess. 30. Aug. 5. Ass. 1648. Nota.* This Act bears a Narrative, That the Censure of Suspension and Deposition of Ministers is, by the ancient Practice and Order of this Kirk, both *ab officio & beneficio*, as is also acknowledged by *Act 20. Parl. 1644, &c.*

X. THAT no Minister deposed for Malignancy and Compliance with the Enemies of the Kirk and Cause of God (when it shall fall out that he be put in a Capacity of Admission to the Ministry) shall enter into the Congregation of any other Minister, who also hath been deposed for Malignancy and Compliance, as said is. *Act Sess. ult. Aug. 12, Ass. 1648.*

**Depositions of Witnesses, see Witnesses.**

**Discing, see Ministers, and there, Corruptions in their Persons and Lives, Art. 1.**

**Distates, see Professors of Divinity, Act 3.**

**Diets of the Assembly, see Ordering of the Assembly-house, Art. 2.**

**Diets of Divine Worship, see Sabbath, Act 1. see Kirk, Act 2.**

**Dignity, see Old Ministers.**

**Dilapidation, see Ministers, and there, Corruptions in their Office, § 9, see Visitations of Parishes, Act 2.**

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**Dimission**, see *Old Ministers*, see *Ministers*,  
ubi supra.

**Directing of Speech**, see *Ordering of the As-  
sembly-house*, Art. 3.

**Directory for Worship.**

I. ACT appointing a Directory for Divine Worship to be framed with all Diligence, and put in the Hands of the Commissioners of Assembly, to be by them revised and transmitted to the several Synods, to the end that being reported, with their Consent or Observations, to the next Assembly, they might, after full Trial and Approbation, order and authorize the same to be received and practised by all Ministers and particular Kirks; and in the mean time, forbidding all Disputations by Word or Writing, in private or publick, about different Practices in such Things as had not been formerly determined by this Kirk, and all condemning of one another, in such lawful things as had been universally received, and by perpetual Custom practised by the most faithful Ministers of the Gospel, and Opposers of Corruptions in the Kirk, since the first Beginning of Reformation to these Times, under the Pain of the Censures of the Kirk; and appointing, That all Beginning of Separation, all Scandals and divisions, be by all means avoided. *Ses. 12, Aug. 13, Ass. 1643.*

II. THE Directory for the publick Worship of God in all the Three Kingdoms, agreed upon by both Houses of the Parliament of England, after Consultation with the Divines of both Kingdoms assembled in England, is unanimously agreed to, and approven by the Assembly in all the Heads thereof; together with the Preface set before it: And they do require, decern and ordain, That according to the plain Tenor and Meaning thereof, and the Intent of the Preface, it be carefully and uniformly observed and practised, by all the Ministers and others within this Kingdom whom it doth concern, from and after the Time mentioned in the Act. And 'tis recommended to the Commission, to take special care for the timely Printing of the said Directory, that a printed Copy of it be provided, and kept for the Use of every Kirk within the Kingdom, and that each Presbytery have a printed Copy thereof, for their Use; and that they take special

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notice of the Observation or Neglect thereof, in every Congregation within their Bounds, and make known the same to the Provincial or General Assemblies, as there shall be cause; And 'tis provided, that the Clause in the Directory of the Administration of the Lord's Supper, which mentioneth the Communicants sitting about the Table, or at it, be not interpreted as if in the Judgment of the Kirk of Scotland, it were indifferent and free for any of the Communicants not to come to and receive at the Table; or, as if they approved the distributing of the Elements by the Minister to each Communicant, and not by the Communicants amongst themselves: 'Tis also provided, that this Act should be no Prejudice to the Order and Practice of this Kirk, in such particulars as are appointed by the Books of Discipline and Acts of General Assemblies, and are not otherwise ordered and appointed by the Directory, and God's Goodness is acknowledged in bringing the Uniformity in Religion to such a Period. *Act* Sep. 10. Feb. 3. *Ass.* 1645.

III. THE due Observation of the foresaid Directory for Worship is seriously recommended to all Ministers and others within this National Church, by *Act* 10. *Ass.* 1705.

Directory for electing Ministers, see *Election of Ministers.*

Discipline of the Church, see *Students of Theology, Act* 1. *Ministers*, and there, *Corruptions in their Office, §* 4. 7. *Prophaneness, Act* 1. 3. *Universities, Act* 4.

I. THE Overtures concerning the Discipline and Method of Proceeding in Ecclesiastick Judicatories in the Church of Scotland, appointed to be sent as Overtures from private Hands to the several Presbyteries, within this National Church; and Presbyteries are appointed to send in their Animadversions and Observes thereupon to the Commission of that Assembly, who are to prepare the said Overtures against the ensuing Assembly to be brought in thereto as Overtures. *Act* 5. *Ass.* 1697.

II. A Committee is appointed to consider the said Overtures concerning Church-discipline, &c. and Animadversions made thereupon by the several Presbyteries, and compare them with the Word of God, Books of Discipline, and Acts of the General Assemblies of this Church, and to consider what's wanting, or to be added thereto, or altered therein; and to set out a new Edition of the said Overtures, that the several Presbyteries might have Opportunity to animadvert thereupon, and report to the Commission, who might prepare the same for the ensuing Assembly. *Act 9, Ass. 1698.*

III. ANOTHER Committee is appointed to revise the said printed Overtures and Observes of the Committees, appointed by the General Assemblies 1698, 1699, 1700 & 1701, to compare the same with the several Presbyteries Remarks thereupon, and to cause transcribe and reprint them, with Alterations and Additions, leaving out all superfluous Overtures, Sentences and Words; and to revise other two Chapters concerning Synods and General Assemblies their Committees and Commissions, not yet printed, and to add the same to the printed Overtures, and present the Whole to the Commission of that Assembly, who are to cause print and transmit the same to the several Presbyteries, for their Opinions. *Act 12, Ass. 1703.*

IV. THE said Overtures for Discipline are again transmitted to the several Presbyteries, for their Opinions. *Act 24, Ass. 1704.*

V. 'Tis recommended to the several Presbyteries, to compare the large Overtures concerning the Discipline and Method of Procedure in Ecclesiastick Judicatures in the Church of Scotland, with the Form of Process approved in this Assembly 1707, and report to the Assembly, from Time to Time, their Judgment, as to what is yet wanting, and necessary to be added to both these Overtures, that the same may be supplied, by adding to either of them, until this Church arrive at a complete System of Rules in their Proceedings in Matters of Discipline. *Act 17, Ass. 1707.*

VI. THE several Presbyteries are required to take the said larger Overtures for Discipline under their Consideration, and send in their Opinion about the same to the Commission, to be by them prepared against the then next Assembly. *Act 16, Ass. 1708.*

VII THE several Presbyteries are enjoined, forthwith to take under consideration the said larger Overtures, especially,



cially, *Cap. 2, Sect. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 9 thereof*; and *Cap. 3, Sect. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12 & 13 of that Chapter*; and also the other Overtures, contained in the 13 & 14 Acts of the *Ass. 1708*. (which see in *Probationers*, and *Comprising Calls*) And that the Assembly might be in better case to consider these and other Things of Importance, 'tis recommended to Presbyteries, to choose the wisest and most grave of their Number, to represent them in the next Assembly. *Act 13, Ass. 1709*.

VIII. THE *Commission* is appointed to go through the said larger Overtures, and the Remarks of Presbyteries thereupon, and consider what Amendments are fit to be made upon them: And Presbyteries are ordained to send in their Remarks to the *Commission*; and the *Commission* to report to the then next Assembly. *Act 16, Ass. 1710*.

IX. THE Presbytery of *Kirkcaldie* is ordered to proceed against Mr. *John Mackenzie* of *Rosend* for the sin of Uncleanness, according to the Rules of this Church, notwithstanding of any thing that some Prelatical Preachers had done, or might do in that Affair; and the said Prelatical Preachers are discharged to proceed any further in that Matter, as they will be answerable. And 'tis remitted to the *Commission* to take care, that the Assembly's Authority be not contemned in this Case: And this Method is appointed to be observed in Cases of Scandal, when any others, either Episcopal Preachers, or such as pretend to be Presbyterians, but do separate from this Church, take upon them to exercise Discipline. *Act 14, Ass. 1715*.

X. THE Acts 17, *Ass. 1707*, and 16, *Ass. 1710*, which see *supra*, are revived; and Presbyteries, who have not sent up their Remarks upon the larger Overtures for Discipline, are again appointed to transmit the same to the Clerk of the *Commission*, against a certain Time; and the *Commission*, to write Letters to each Presbytery for that effect, and to appoint a Committee, to class and put in Order the Remarks upon these Overtures, to be laid before the Assembly: And 'tis recommended to Presbyteries, to send up to the next Assembly such Members as might be most in case to help forward this Work. *Act 16, Ass. 1718*.

Disjunction, see *Stramawer, Dalry.*

Disorders, see *Schism.*

Disputations, see *Presbyterial Meetings.*

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# Dissenting Voices.

If any Member of Presbyteries or Synods shall find, in Matters depending before them, that the Moderator shall refuse to put any thing of Importance to voices; or, if they find any thing carried by Plurality of Voices, to any Determination which they conceive to be contrary to the Word of God, the Acts of Assembly, or the receiv'd Order of this Kirk: In any of these Cases, the Assembly thinks it necessary, that they urge their Dissent to be marked in the Register; and if that be refused, they protest, as they would desire to be free of common Censure with the rest: And the Dissenters are declar'd censurable, if their Dissent shall be found otherwise than they conceived. *Act Sess. 7, June 4. An. 1644.*

**Divinity,** see *Professors of Theology, Bursars;*

*Acts 3, 7, 8, 12.*

**Division,** see *Unity.*

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**Doctrine,** see *Ministers, Act 1. and there,*

*Corruptions in their Office. § 4, 5. and Act*

*2, and there, Enormities in their Callings,*

*§ 9, Bourgeoisism, Formula, Catechetical*

*Doctrine.*

I. ALL Persons are discharged to vent any Opinions contrary to any Head or Article of our Confession of Faith and Catechisms, or to use any Expressions, in relation to the Articles of Faith, nor agreeable to the Form of sound Words express'd in the Word of God, and the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church, which are most valuable Pieces of our Reformation: And 'tis enacted, That no Minister, or Member of this Church presume to print or disperse in Writ, any Catechism, without the Allowance of the Presbytery of the Bounds, and of the Commission: And the Presbytery is appointed to lay any such Catechism before the Commission; and Synods and Presbyteries are enjoined, carefully to advert

to the Observation of this Act, and to notice the Transgressors thereof. *Act 12, Ass. 1710:*

II. A Committee is appointed, and empowered to enquire into whatsoever should be found necessary for preserving and maintaining the Purity of the Doctrine of this Church; and particularly, to take into consideration the Process, Mr. *James Webster* against Mr. *John Simson*, and prepare a full and distinct State thereof, and report an Overture thereupon to the next Assembly, in order to their final Decision thereof: And particular Instructions, for that End, are given to the said Committee, by *Act 8, Ass. 1715.*

III. MR. *John Simson*, and all others, are enjoined to forbear teaching, or any way venting the Propositions charged by Mr. *James Webster* against him as Error, until they be determined by the Judicatures of the Church; and the Commission and Instructions given by the Committee, named by the former Assembly, for preserving the Purity of Doctrine, are renewed; and 'tis referred to them also, to consider some Propositions laid before the Assembly by Mr. *Webster*, and Mr. *Simson's* Answers thereto, and all other Things relating to that Affair; particularly, some Points mentioned in the Act, that were reserved by the said Committee, to be considered after finishing the principal Cause: And the Committee is impowered to give such Directions to Mr. *Simson* as they shall find necessary. And all Ministers are discharged, by Preaching or Printing, to charge Mr. *Simson* with Error, until the Matter be fully tried, and he be convicted by the Church: But prejudice always to them, to state the same Propositions that are charged against him, and refute the same by as strong Arguments as they think fit: And upon a Protestation entred by Mr. *Simson*, against the above mentioned Injunction laid upon him by the Assembly, as insinuating, that he had taught the Errors charged against him in Mr. *Webster's* Libel, as his Opinion, or as Truth, which he disowned; the Committee is impowered to suspend him for such Time as they shall think fit, in case it was found that he contravened the same. *Act 7, Ass. 1716.*

IV. THE Assembly, after a Narrative, That altho' Professor *Simson* did declare his Adherence to the Confession of Faith and Doctrine therein contained, as his Judgment, and did disown the Errors, opposite thereto, wherewith he was charged; yet considering, that in his printed Answer, and his Letters to the now deceased Mr. *Robert Row-*



and his Letter to the Committee for Purity of Doctrine, he has given Offence, and that it was judged, that therein he had vented some Opinions not necessary to be taught in Divinity, and which have given more Occasion to Strife, than to the promoting of Edification; That he hath used some Expressions that do bear, and are used by Adversaries, in a bad and unsound Sense, tho' he doth disown that unsound Sense; and that for answering more satisfyingly (as he supposeth) the Cavils and Objections of Adversaries, he hath adapted some Hypotheses, different from what are commonly used amongst Orthodox Divines, and that are not evidently founded on Scripture, and tend to attribute too much to natural Reason and the Power of corrupt Nature; which undue Advancement of Reason and Nature, is always to the Disparagement of Revelation and efficacious free Grace: They do prohibite and discharge the said Mr. *Simson* to use such Expressions, or to teach, preach, or otherwise vent such Opinions, Propositions or Hypotheses, as aforesaid: And they do extend the foresaid Prohibition to all Professors of Divinity, Ministers and Preachers, and all others in this Church; and particularly, discharges them to vent any Doctrines, not agreeable to our *Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms*; especially, such Opinions as ascribe too much to corrupt Nature, or tend to encourage Sloth among Christians, or slacken People's Obligations to Gospel-holiness: And they recommend to all Faculties in Universities, and to all Presbyteries within this Church, to see this Act observed by all the Persons aforesaid within their several Jurisdictions, and to censure the Contraveeners, as they shall see Cause: And they impower their *Commission* to give Advice to Presbyteries, to judge in Causes and Cases of that Kind, that shall be brought before them: And Presbyteries are appointed to acquaint the *Commission*, before they proceed to any Sentence of Suspension or Deposition, against any Person that shall come to be tried in prosecution of this Act. *Act 9, Ass. 1717.*

Domestick Remedies of Sins, see Remedies of Sins.

Dornock-Presbytery, see Caithness, Act 3.

Drunkennes, see Prophaneness, Act 2, 3.

## Duels.

THAT all Persons, of whatsoever Quality, who shall either fight Duels, or make, or write, or receive, or, with their Knowledge, carry Challenges, or go to the Fields, either as Principals or as Seconds, to fight Duels or Combats, be, without Respect of Persons, proceeded with the Censures of the Kirk, and brought before the Congregation two several Lord's Days; in the first whereof, they are sharply to be rebuked, and convinced of the Hainousness of their Sin and Offence; and on the next, to make a solemn publick Confession thereof, and Profession of their unfeigned Humiliation and Repentance for the same: And if the Persons guilty of any of the former Offences be an Elder or Deacon, he is to be removed from his Office: And whatsoever Person guilty of any of these Offences shall refuse to give Obedience, according to the Tenor of this Act, that he be proceeded to Excommunication. And if any be killed at such Duels, that the Killer be proceeded against by the Kirk, as other Murderers. *Act 3<sup>d</sup>, ult. Aug. 12, 1648.*

Duty of Elders, see Remedies against Sins, and there, Ecclesiastick Remedies against Prophaneness, 12.

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Ecclesiastick Government, see Propositions, &c. § 5, 6, 7.

Ecclesiastick Processes, see Printing, Act 2.

Ecclesiastick Remedies of Sins, see Remedies, &c.

Edinburgh, see Transplantation, &c. Act 1, § 2.

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**Educating**, see *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Domestick, Remedy 3 Ministers*, and there, *Corruptions in their Office*, § 7, *Children*.

**Elders**, see *Remedies against Sins*, and there, *Ecclesiastick Remedy against Prophaneness*. § 1, 12, *War, Confession of Faith*. 7-9, *Prophaneness, Worship secret*.

**Elders Bounds**, see *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Ecclesiastick Remedy against Prophaneness*, 2.

**Elders Duties**, see *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Ecclesiastick Remedy against Prophaneness*, 12.

**Elections to Assemblies**, see *Assemblies, Act* 2, 3, 4.

**Election of Ministers**, see *Transplantation*.

**T**H A T 1740, when any Place of the Ministry in a Congregation is vacant, the Presbytery do, with all Diligence, send one of their Number to preach to that Congregation, who, in his Doctrine, is to represent to them the Necessity of providing the Place with a qualified Pastor, and to exhort them to fervent Prayer and Supplication to the Lord, That he would send them a Pastor according to his own Heart: As also, he is to signify, That the Presbytery, out of their Care of that Flock, will send unto them Preachers, whom they may hear; and if they have a Desire to hear any other, they will endeavour to procure them a Hearing of that Person or Persons, upon the Suit of the Elders to the Presbytery. 2do, Within some competent Time thereafter, the Presbytery is again to send one or more of their Number to the said vacant Congregation, on a certain Day appointed before for that effect, who are to convene to hear Sermon the foresaid Day; which being ended, and Intimation being made by the Minister, That they are to go about the Election of a Pastor for that Congregation, the Session of that Congregation shall meet and proceed to the Election,



the Action being moderated by him that preached : And if the People shall, upon the Intimation of the Person agreed upon by the Session, acquiesce and consent to the said Person, then, the Matter being reported to the Presbytery by Commissioners sent from the Session, they are to proceed to the Trial of the Person thus elected, and finding him qualified, to admit him to the Ministry in the said Congregation. 3<sup>th</sup>, But if it happen, that the major Part of the Congregation dissent from the Person agreed upon by the Session, in that Case, the Matter shall be brought unto the Presbytery, who shall judge of the same ; and if they do not find their Dissent to be grounded on causeless Prejudices, they are to appoint a new Election, in manner above specified. 4<sup>th</sup>, But if a lesser Part of the Session or Congregation, do shew their Dissent from the Election, without Exceptions relevant and verified to the Presbytery ; notwithstanding thereof, the Presbytery shall go on to the Trials and Ordination of the Person elected : Yet all possible Diligence and Tenderness must be used, to bring all Persons to an harmonious Agreement. 5<sup>th</sup>, 'Tis to be understood, that no Person under the Censure of the Kirk, because of any scandalous Offence, is to be admitted to have hand in the Election of a Minister. 6<sup>th</sup>, Where the Congregation is disaffected and malignant, in that case, the Presbytery is to provide them with a Minister. *Act Sess. 4, Aug. 4, 1649.*

**Elements Communion,** see *Lords Supper.*

**Employments secular and Trades discharged in Ministers,** see *Confession of Faith, Act 3, Evils of the Kirk, Ministers, Act 1,* and there, *Corruptions in their Persons and Lives, § 3.*

**Enemies,** see *Publick Enemies.*

**Engagement, and Engagement in War with England,** see *Declaration, Act 2, 4, 5. War unlawful.*

I. IN answer to a Paper of the 24 July, delivered to the General Assembly from the Conference (compared with ano-

another Paper of the 17 of July, presented to them from the Committee of Estates, whereunto it relates, and with the Declaration emitted by that Committee to the Parliament and Kingdom of England) supposing that the Assembly might be satisfied in point of the Security of Religion, notwithstanding of the present Engagement in War against England; 'tis declared, That the Assembly sees no Possibility of securing Religion, as long as that unlawful Engagement is carried on; Religion being thereby greatly endangered. The ways mentioned in that Answer, which see more fully in *Sess. 14, July 25, Ass. 1648.*

II. In answer to another Paper, sent from the Committee of Estates, dated 28 July 1648, the Assembly refers to the above written Answer: And further, add, That they think it strange, that the State had engaged in that War, before the Necessity and Lawfulness thereof was cleared, and before the Church's Desires for the Security of Religion were granted, according to the Assurances given by publick Declarations, and after publick Resolutions and Declarations to the contrair. And they further refer to their Declaration, *July ult. Sess. 21*, shewing the unlawfulness of that Engagement in it self: (which see in *Declaration*) And which Declaration they vindicate, and demonstrate the Church's Interest in Undertakings and Engagements in War, as to the Lawfulness or Unlawfulness thereof, to satisfie the Committee of Estates their Desire in that Point. See *Sess. 22, Aug. 1, Ass. 1648.*

England, see *Marriage, Act 1, Letter Heads, 3, 5, 8. Declaration, Act 1, 2, 3, 5, 6. Unity in Religion, Parliament of England, Army.*

English Schools, see *Highlands, Act 1, § 3, Act 4, § 4.*

Enormities of Ministers, see *Ministers, Act 1, 2.*

Episcopacy, and Episcopal Ministers, see *Evils of the Kirk.*

I. The Confession of Faith, and several Acts of the General Assemblies of this Church, declaring against, abolishing

ing, and condemning all Errors and Corruptions in Doctrine, Discipline and Government; and particularly, the Roman Hierarchy, and establishing and ratifying the Liberty, Discipline and Jurisdiction of the true Kirk, in her Sessions, Presbyteries, Synods and General Assemblies, and gradually advancing, and carrying on the Work of Reformation from the Year 1575, to the Year 1595, are recapitulated: And 'tis declared, That according to the *Confession of Faith*, as it was professed in the Years 1580, 1581 and 1590, all Episcopacy, different from that of a Pastor of a particular Flock, was abjured in this Kirk, and to be removed out of it: And therefore, all Persons are prohibited, under Ecclesiastical Censures, to usurp, accept, defend, or obey the pretended Authority thereof in time coming. *Act Sess. 16 Dec. 8, Ass. 1638.*

II. Mr. George Graham, late pretended Bishop of Orkney, his Renunciation of Episcopacy, is recorded in *Sess. 8, Aug. 17, Ass. 1639.*

III. PRESBYTERIES and Synods are allowed to receive Episcopal Ministers, with the Qualifications descended on in *Act 14, Ass. 1690*, and *Act 11, Ass. 1694*. See these, and particularly, the Instructions to the Commission of *Ass. 1694, Art. 6, in Instructions.*

Episcopal Preachers, see *Discipline, Act 9*,  
Prelatical Preachers, Separatists.

Crastianism, see *Propositions, Act 5, 6, 8.*

Errors, see *Confession of Faith, Ordination, &c. Act 1, Bourignonism, Gross Scandals, Act 2.*

Erroneous Books, see *Book.*

Erroneous Doctrine.

ALL Persons are discharged to preach or disseminate any erroneous Doctrine, opposite to any Head or Article of the *Confession of Faith* of this Church; and particularly, the venting any *Arminian* or *Socinian* Errors is discharged: And the respective Judicatories of this Church are ordained, to advert to any who shall teach or vent such Errors, and to proceed to censure them therefore, as shall be found



found just and requisite for suppressing the same; and more especially, That the Synod of ~~the~~ take heed to Mr. James Graham at *Dumfries*, that he contravene not this. *Act 12, Ass, 1704*

### Evils of the Kirk.

THAT the Service, or *Common Prayer-book*, Book of *Cantons* and *Consecration* or *Ordination*, and the *High Commission-court*, be rejected; The *Articles of Perth* be no more practised; That *Episcopal Government*, and the *Civil Places* and *Power* of *Kirkmen*, be holden still as unlawful in this *Kirk*; That the pretended *Assemblies* at *Lisibaw*, 1606 & 1608, at *Glasgow*, 1610, at *Aberdeen*, 1616, at *St. Andrew's*, 1617, and at *Perth*, 1618, be thereafter accounted as null and of none effect, as the main and most material Causes, of the many and great Evils, that in time past had so sore troubled the Peace of this *Kirk* and *Kingdom*; and that, for preservation of Religion, and preventing all such Evils in time coming, *General Assemblies* rightly constitute, as the proper and competent Judge of all Matters *Ecclesiastical*, be thereafter kept yearly, and often *pro re nata*, as Occasion and Necessity shall require; the Necessity of all these occasional Assemblies being first remonstrated to His Majesty by humble Supplication: As also, That *Kirk-sessions*, *Presbyteries*, and *Synodal Assemblies*, be constituted and observed according to the Order of this *Kirk*. *Act Sess. Aug. 17, Ass. 1639.*

It is noted here, That after the voting of this *Act*, His Majesty's Commissioner consented verbally thereto, and promised to give in to the Clerk in *Writ* a Declaration of his Consent, and that he should ratifie this *Act* the then ensuing *Parliament*.

*Examination*, see *Catechising*.

*Excommunication*, and *Excommunicated*

*Persons*, see *Deposed Ministers*, *Act 1, 4,*

*9. Papists*, *Act 2, 3. Penalties*, *Seaforth,*

*Pecunial Pains*, *Propositions*, &c. § 4. *Re-*

*medies of Sins*, and there, *Ecclesiastical Re-*

*medies*. 3 & 13, *Writ unlawful*, § 2.

1. THE pretended *Archbishops* of *St. Andrews* and *Glasgow*, the *Bishops* of *Edinburgh*, *Galloway*, *Ross*, *Archie-* and

and *Aberdeen*, are deposed and excommunicated, and the pretended Bishops of *Dumblain*, *Murray*, *Orkney*, *Lesmore*, *Isles*, *Dunkeld*, and *Caithness*, are deposed for sundry hainous Offences and Enormities proven against them, and are ordained to be excommunicated, in case of their Disobedience to the Ordinances of the Assembly, by *Act Sess. 20. Dec. 13. Ass. 1638.*

II. THE Act of Assembly at *Edinburgh*, March 5. 1569. *Sess. 10.* ordering, that these who will not forbear the Company of excommunicated Persons after due Admonition, be excommunicated themselves, except they forbear; is ordained to be put in Execution, by *Act Sess. 23. and 24. Dec. 17. and 18. Ass. 1638. Art. 16.*

III. THAT if any Minister haunt the Company of an excommunicated Person, contrair to the Laws of the Kirk, he be suspended from his Ministry, by his Presbytery, for the first Fault, during their Pleasure; and for the second Fault, that he be deprived; and in case the Presbytery be negligent therein, that the Provincial Assembly do censure the Presbytery thus negligent, *Act Sess. 4th. Aug. 19. Ass. 1643.*

IV. THE Article of the Heads and Propositions sent to the Assembly held at *Edinburgh* in *August 1573*, by the Lord Regent, and approven by the Assembly, bearing, That it was resolved, that the Executions of the Sentence of Excommunication against Persons excommunicated, after the Space of forty Days past, should be presented to the Lord Treasurer or his Clerk, to receive also civil Execution upon his Majesty's Charges, in manner mentioned in the Act, is ratified and approven, and Presbyteries are ordained to cause send in to the Procurator or Agent for the Kirk, Minutes or Notes of the Sentences of Excommunication within their Bounds; bearing the Time and Cause thereof; under the Hand of their Moderator or Clerk, or of the Minister that pronounced the Sentence for the End above-mentioned, and that particular Account be craved hereof in every General Assembly, *Ibid.*

V. THAT the Sentence of Excommunication being first intimated throughout all the Churches within the Presbytery where the said Sentence was pronounced; (if the Persons continue obstinate) the Presbytery shall then give an Account thereof to the Synod, who shall appoint the like Intimation to be made in all the Churches within their Bounds; and if, notwithstanding

ing of this and other due Means used to reclaim them, they still continue obstinate, in that Case, that an Account of their Names and Sentences past against them, be brought by the said Synod to the General Assembly, that they may appoint Intimation thereof to be made throughout all the Churches of the Kingdom, and that at the foresaid respective Intimations, Ministers do take occasion to hold forth the sad State and Condition of the excommunicated Persons, and that they inform the People how to carry towards them. *Act 9. Sess. 10. March 27. Ass. 1704.*

**Excommunication the Lesser, see Relapse, single Acts of Scandal, Correspondence of Juridicatories, Absolution, Ministers, Act 5. § 6.**

THE Kirk-Session having brought the Process to an Intimation of the Censure of the Lesser Excommunication, before they inflict the same, they are to refer the Affair to the Presbytery, bringing their whole Proceedings before the Presbytery in writ, that they may have a full View of the whole Affair, *Form Proc. Cap. 8. § 4. Act 11. Ass. 1707.*

**Excommunication the Greater or Higher, see Absolution, Ministers, Act 5. § 6.**

IF Persons continue under the Lesser Excommunication a considerable Time, and be found frequently relapsing in these Vices they were censured for, it may be construed such a Degree of Contumacy, and so aggravate the Crime, as to found a Process of the Higher Excommunication to be inflicted, or not, as may tend most to the reclaiming the Guilty, and Edification of the Church, *Form Proc. Cap. 3. § 6. Act 11. Ass. 1707.* All Processes, in order to the Greater Excommunication are to be grounded on manifest Contumacy, or scandalous Practices, and where these are not, the lesser Excommunication needs only to have Place; yet in some extraordinary Cases, the Church, according to Scripture Warrant, hath summarily excommunicated Persons guilty of notour, atrocious, scandalous Sins, to show the Churches abhorrence of such Wickedness, *Form Proc. Cap. 8. § 1. Act*



*Act 11. M. 1707.* Tho' a Scandal hath been delated and Contumacy hath followed by not appearing, yet if no scandalous Practice hath been proven, then only the simple Contumacy is to be proceeded against, for which it were hard to go a greater length than the Lesser Excommunication, *Ibid.* § 2. If the Scandal hath been proven, and the Censure of the Lesser Excommunication intimated, as in *Form Proc. Cap. 3.* which see *supra*, there is to be no further proceeding, unless the Scandal be gross, or of an hainous Nature, or that it is spreading, or infectious, as in Heresies, or Schism in the Church; in which Cases Contumacy is to be proceeded against, in order to the Greater Excommunication, *Ibid.* § 3. If the Presbytery find the Lesser Excommunication not sufficient, and that the Affair is so weighty as to oblige them to enter on the Process, they are to cause the Officer to cite the scandalous Person, *Form Proc. Cap. 8. § 5. Act 11. M. 1707.* If the Party appear and deny the Scandal, they are to proceed and lead Probation, as in other Cases, *Ibid.* § 6. If the Party contemn the Citation, the Presbytery is to renew the same, until he hath got three; and after the three Citations he is to be cited out of the Pulpit, and Intimation is to be made that the Judicatory will proceed to enquire into the Presumptions or Probation of the Guilt; and this is to be done *etico* the Delinquent be absent, *Ibid.* § 7. Then the Presbytery is to order the Minister of the Congregation next Sabbath after Forenoon Session, to inform the Congregation of the Kirk-Session and Presbyteries Proceedings, and the Parties Contumacy; and that the Presbytery intended to proceed to the highest Censure; and the Minister is gravely to admonish the Party (if present) to Repent and submit himself, threatening him if he continue Impenitent, the Church will proceed; yea tho' he be absent, the Minister is to acquaint the People that the Church requires him to repent and submit under the foresaid Certification, *Ibid.* § 8. There should be three publick Admonitions, and a Presbytery should intervene betwixt each Admonition; and if the Person still continue Impenitent and Contumacious, the same is to be represented to the Presbytery, who are thereupon to appoint publick Prayers thrice to be made for the scandalous Impenitent, or Contumacious Person, humbly to beg that God would deal with his Soul, and convince

Vince him of the Evil of his Ways, *Ibid.* § 9. These publick Prayers are to be put up three severall Sabbath-Days, a Presbytery (where it meets at least once a Month) intervening betwixt each Prayer, *Ibid.* § 10. If the Party continue still Impenitent, the Presbytery after Prayer, is to pass Sentence, and to appoint a Minister to intimate the same, and to shew the Presbytery's Resolution to proceed upon such a Sabbath as they shall name, for pronouncing the Sentence solemnly in Face of the Congregation, unless either the Party, or some for him, signify some irrelevant Ground to stop their Procedure, *Ibid.* § 11. That Day being come, the Minister should preach a Sermon suited to that solemn Occasion, or at least after Sermon, should shew the Congregation what he is going about, introducing the Narrative of the Process, with a Discourse concerning the Nature, Use, and End of Church Censures, particularly the Greater Excommunication, if he hath not done it fully in his Sermon, *Ibid.* § 12. Then he should narrate the Steps of the Process, and shew that now all other Means being used, there remained only that of cutting off the scandalous Person from the Society of the Faithful, and intimating the Presbyteries Warrant and Order so to do, *Ibid.* § 13. Before Sentence the Minister is to Pray with the Congregation, that God would grant Repentance to the obstinate Person, and bless his Ordinance, and make it effectual, both for the Edification of others, and reclaiming the obstinate Sinner, *Ibid.* § 14. Then after Prayer, the Minister is with Gravity and Authority to pronounce the Censure, shewing our Lord's Command, the Apostle Paul's Direction, and recapitulating the Presbytery's Warrant, and resuming the scandalous and obstinate Persons Behaviour, whom he is to Name. He therefore in the Name and Authority of our Lord and Master JESUS CHRIST, doth in *verbis de presentis* pronounce and declare him or her excommunicated, and shut out from the Communion of the Faithful, debarring that Person from their Privileges, in the Words of the Apostle, delivering that Person over to Satan, which Sentence is to be intimated, according to the 9th Act of Assembly 1704. *Ibid.* § 15. If before pronouncing Sentence, the scandalous Person make any publick Signification of his Repentance, and his Desire to have the Censure stoppt, the Minister, upon apparent Serious-

ness, may delay it, till he Report to the Presbytery, who are to deal with the Person as they see Cause, *Ibid.* § 16. After pronouncing the Sentence, the People are to be warned to shun all unnecessary Converse with that Person, nevertheless Excommunication dissolveth not the Bonds of civil or natural Relations, nor exempts from the Duties belonging thereto, *Ibid.* § 17. If after all Diligence and Vigilance, both by Doctrine and Discipline respectively, for preventing and purging out Errors, Heresies, Schisms, and Scandals, tending to the Detriment and Disturbance of the Church, these Means alone prove not effectual to that Purpose, it is necessary to imploy the Aid of the Civil Magistrate, who ought to use his coercive Power for the suppressing of all such Offences, and vindicating the Discipline of the Church from Contempt, *Ibid.* § 18.

### Exculpation, see *Witnesses*:

THE Party accused compearing, may desire such Questions, or Cross-questions to be proposed to the Witnesses, as may tend to his Exculpation, *Form Proc. Cap. 2.* § 12, *Act 11, Ass. 1707.* If Grounds of Exculpation be before Probation offered to be proven by Witnesses, the Moderator and Clerk, (if required) are to give Warrant; to cite Witnesses upon the Party's Charges; the Relevancy of the Exculpation being first sustained: And if the Exculpation be fully proven, as to the Substance of the Scandal, all further Proof of the Libel must sist, and the Defender be assolied, as if the Libel be special as to Time and Place of a Fact, and the Accused more pregnantly alledge and clearly prove *alibi*: But the Substance of the Scandal being once depon'd upon, there's no Place for Exculpation, unless it be as to some alleviating Circumstances, not contrair to, but consistent with the Depositions. *Ibid.* § 13.

Execution, see *Citation, Ministers, Act 5, § 5.*

Exercise and Addition, see *Expectants, Act 1.*

It is seriously recommended to the several Presbyteries within the Church, to set up the Use of the Exercise and Addition, as also, that of privy Censures, conform to the ancient Practice of this Church; and their Diligence therein is appointed to be recorded in their respective Registers.



gisters. And 'tis recommended to the several Presbyteries, that they be careful to keep and maintain Bursars of Theology, conform to the ancient Practice, and the Acts of former General Assemblies. *Act 17, A. 1694.*

**Exercises Religious,** see *Family-exercises, Impiety.*

**Exercises Theological,** see *Students.*

**Exhortation,** see *Declaration, Act 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.*

A brotherly Exhortation from the General Assembly to their Brethren in England; wherein they acknowledge God's Mercies to both Kingdoms, and their own Sins; They regrave the Interruptions put to the Work of Reformation, especially by these in Power and Place in England; They declare their Sympathy with, and commend the Singleness and Boldness of these in England, who suffer for the Truth; They warn all such as have forgotten the Covenant, and despised the Oath of God, and wholly overturned the Fundamental Government by King and Parliament, to repent, and not to judge their Cause right because of their Success; They threaten them, that God will bring down their Pride and Power; They declare, That the Duties contained in the Covenant are moral and lawful, and the Engagements therein not only moral, but personal, and which cannot be dispensed with; They bear Testimony against the Toleration in England, and do comfort God's People with this Confidence, That God would yet revive his Work; is recorded in *Self. int. Aug. 6, A. 1649.*

**Expectants,** see *Ministers, Intrants, Lists of Expectants, Preaching in publick, Exercise and Addition, Confession of Faith, Act 7, 8.*

I. In the Trial of Expectants before their Entry to the Ministry, it being notorious, that they have subscribed the Confession of Faith then declared in that Assembly, and that they have exercised often, privately and publicly, with Approbation of the Presbytery; they shall first add, and make the Exercise publicly, and make a Discourse of some common Head in Latin, and give Proposition thereupon

upon for Dispute; and thereafter be questioned by the Presbytery upon Questions of Controversy and Chronology, anent particular Texts of Scripture, how they may be interpreted, according to the Analogy of Faith, and reconciled; and shall be examined upon their Skill of the Greek and Hebrew; and they are to bring a Testificate of their Life and Conversation from their College, or Presbytery where they reside. *Act Sess. 23 and 24 Decem. 17 and 18, Ass. 1638, Art. 23.*

**H. THAT** Expectants, refusing to subscribe the Covenant, be declared incapable of a Pedagogy, teaching of a School, reading in the Kirk, or preaching within a Presbytery; and shall not have Liberty of residing within a Burgh, University or College: And if they continue obstinate, they shall be processed. *Act Sess. 20, Aug. 5, Ass. 1640.*

**III. THAT**, 1<sup>mo</sup>, no Expectant be permitted to preach in publick before a Congregation, till first he be tried after the same manner; howbeit, not altogether with that Accuracy which is enjoined by the foresaid Act of Assembly at Glasgow 1638. Which prescribes the Order and Manner of Trial that is to be kept with those, that are to be admitted to the holy Ministry, and that none, so tried, do preach in publick, without the Bounds of the University or Presbytery where he past his Trials, till first he make it known to the other Presbytery, where he desires to be heard, by a Testimonial from the University or Presbytery where he lived, that he hath been of an honest Conversation, and pass'd his Trials conform to the Order here prescribed: Which being done in the Meeting of the Province or Presbytery where he desires to be heard, he is to be allowed by them to preach within the Bounds of that Province or Presbytery, without any further Trial to be taken of him. 2<sup>do</sup>, Expectants being educated in a College that was corrupt, or under a corrupt Ministry, if they themselves have been known to have been tainted with Error, or opposite to the Covenant, and the blessed Work of Reformation within this Kirk, the same Order is to be kept in admitting them to the holy Ministry, or to any Place in the Colleges or Schools of this Kingdom, that was ordained to be kept in Admission of these Ministers who fled out of the Country, and shewed themselves opposite to the Covenant and Reformation. *Act Sess. 15, Aug. 7, Ass. 1641, Art. 2 & 3.*

**IV. ALL** former Acts and Ordinances, for Trial and

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Admission of Expectants to the Ministry, especially the Articles thereanent, allowed by the *Ass.* 1596, and approved by *Ass. Sess.* 23 and 24 Decem. 17 and 18, *Ass.* 1638 (which see in *Ministers*, and *Ministers Trials*) the thirteenth Article, concerning the Age of Intrants to the Ministry (which see in *Ministers Admission*) and the 23 Article, concerning the Trial of Expectants, of the foresaid Act of Assembly 1638 (which see *supra*) and the *Ass. Sess.* 7, Aug. 3, *Ass.* at *St. Andrew's* 1642, concerning Lists for Presentations from the King, and the Trial of Expectants (which see in *Lists of Expectants*) are revived; and Presbyteries are ordained to observe the same carefully in all time coming. *Ass. Sess.* 27, Aug. ult, *Ass.* 1647. And this Act is again renewed in *Ass.* 1704, (which see in *Trial of Intrants*.)

**Expedite Way of Planting the North,** see *North.*

**Expences of Commissioners,** see *Commissioners*, *Act* 1, 2. *Commissions of Assemblies*, *Act* 42, *Unity in Religion*.

**Exposed Children,** see *Baptism*.

**Extracts,** see *Acts of Assemblies*, *Act* 2, 3.

F.

**Faith,** see *Confession of Faith, Doctrine*, *Act* 1.

**Family,** see *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Domestick Remedies*.

**Family-exercise or worship,** see *Visitations ministerial*, &c. *Worship secret and private*, *Prophaneness*, *Act* 1.

**THAT** the several Synods and Presbyteries, especially these in the North, take care that Family-exercise in Religion, Visitation of Churches, Catechising, Keeping of Presbyterial and Provincial Meetings, both by Preaching and Ruling Elders, be carefully observed. *Ass. Sess.* 11, Aug. 5, *Ass.* 1642.

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*Act.*



**Jacquhar (Mr. James)** see *Schism*.

**Fasts and Thanksgivings**, see *Irregularities*.

I. A Day of Fasting and Humiliation is appointed for the Causes mentioned in *Act Sess. 13*, Aug. 6, *Ass. 1642*.

II. THAT not only the Members of the General Assembly, but all the Congregations also of the Town where the Assembly holds, be exercised in Fasting and Humiliation, the first Day of the Meeting of the General Assembly, for craving the Lord's Blessing to that Meeting; and that publick Worship be in all the Kirks thereof that Day, for that Effect. *Act ult. Sess. 7*, June 4, *Ass. 1644*.

III. For the said Act, as to publick Fasting in the Congregation, is suspended, until the Matter were further considered; the Exercises, for the Members of the Assembly at their first Meeting, being still observed according to the ancient and laudable Practice. *Act Sess. ult.*, June 18, *Ass. 1646*.

IV. A solemn national Fast and Humiliation is appointed to be kept for the publick Defections and Sins of the Land, both in the late and present Times; whereof see a long Narration in the Act: Which also contains a serious Exhortation to Repentance, and the Performance of several Duties, and to fervent Prayer for several Blessings therein mentioned. *Act 12*, *Ass. 1690*.

V. ANOTHER Fast, for the like Causes, is appointed by *Act 6*, *Ass. 1699*.

VI. ANOTHER, by *Act 3*, *Ass. 1700*.

VII. ANOTHER, by *Act 9*, *Ass. 1701*.

VIII. 'Tis recommended to the several Presbyteries, to appoint a Fast to be observed within their respective Bounds, for the like Causes, by *Act 26*, *Ass. 1704*.

IX. 'Tis recommended to the several Synods and Presbyteries, to set apart a Day for publick Fasting and Prayer for Her Majesty's Preservation and the Protestant Religion, by *Act 17*, *Ass. 1705*.

X. A solemn Fast and Humiliation is appointed for the same Causes with the former; and particularly, for the Result of the Treaty, then on foot, betwixt Scotland and England, by *Act 19*, *Ass. 1706*.

XI. A solemn Fast is appointed for a Dearth, and threatned Scarcity. *Act 8*, *Ass. 1709*.

XII. A Fast is appointed for the great and crying Sins of the Land. *Act 6*, *Ass. 1710*.

XIII. *Act 1*

XIII. ALL Ministers and Members of this Church are appointed, religiously to observe all Fasts and Thanksgivings, whether appointed by the Church, or the Supreme Magistrate, for just and necessary Causes: And Presbyteries and Synods are appointed, to take particular Notice of the due Observation of this. *Act 7, Ass. 1710.*

### Father.

AN unmarried Woman, found with Child, being cited, and compearing before the Session, is to be interrogated who is the Father of the Child: And if she discover him not, she is to be lookt on as contumacious. *Form Proc. Cap. 4, § 5, Act 11, Ass. 1707.* Sometime Prudence may require, that the Person named to be the Father, be informed thereof, and spoke to privately; and if he deny the same, he is to be seriously dealt with to confess; but if he still deny, the Session is to cause cite him to compear before them. *Ibid. § 6.* If, when he compears, he still deny, he is to be confronted with the Woman, and the Presumptions as particularly held forth as possible; and all along there should be private Treating with him, in all Meekness, Charity and Seriousness; and if, after all this, he deny, tho' the Woman's Testimony can be no sufficient Evidence against him; yet pregnant Presumptions, such as suspicious frequenting her Company, or being *solus cum sola in loco suspecto*, or in suspect Postures, or such like, which he cannot disprove to the Satisfaction of the Session, may so lay the Guilt upon him, as to show him, that there appears no other Way of removing the Scandal, but his Appearance to be publicly rebuked therefore: If he will not submit to this, it perhaps may be more for Edification, that a true Narrative of the Case be laid before the Congregation, and Intimation given, that there can be no further Procedure in the Matter, till God give further light, and sist there at the time; than that an Oath be prest, and, upon Refusal, proceed to the higher Excommunication. *Ibid. § 7, in princip.* *Nota*, this § 7 is not enjoined as a standing Rule, but only recommended to be observed, as the Judicatures shall find to tend most to Edification. See the Ratification of the Form of Process in *Act 11, Ass. 1707. infra in Process.* If the delated Father purge himself by Oath, the Woman is to be dealt with to give the true Father: And if, after all serious Dealing and due Diligence, she give no other, she

is to be censured, according to the Quality of the Offense confessed by her, without naming the Person delated by her; the Judicatory reserving place for further Censure, upon further Discovery. *Ibid.* § 10. If the Woman declare she knows not the Father of the Child, alleading she was forc'd, as in the Fields, by a Person unknown, or any the like Reason; in these Cases, great Prudence is to be used, the former Behaviour of the Woman exactly search'd into, and she seriously dealt with to be ingenuous: And if she hath been of entire Fame, she may be put to declare the Truth, as if she were upon Oath, but not without the Advice of the Presbytery; and no formal Oath should be taken: And if the Woman confess she was not forc'd, but doth not know the Man, whether married or unmarried; the same Censure is to be inflicted upon her, as in the Case of Adultery. *Ibid.* § 11.

**Fault first,** see *Single Acts*, &c.

**Itmes,** see *Pecunial Pains, Penalties*.

**Fishing,** see *Sabbath, Act 2.*

**Forces,** see *Army.*

**Form of Process,** see *Process.*

I. A Committee is appointed, to concert and prepare a Form of Process, for regulating the Procedure of Church-Judicatories for the future, and to report to the *Commission*, & they to transmit the same to the several Presbyteries for their Opinion, to be reported to the next Assembly. And 'tis recommended to the *Commission*, to cause again revise the printed Overtures for Discipline, with the Amendments, and cause reprint and transmit the same to the several Presbyteries, for their Opinions, to be also reported to the next Assembly. *Act 25, App. 1704.*

II. The foresaid Form of Process, being prepared and read in Assembly, is transmitted to the Presbyteries, for their Opinions, by *Act 5, App. 1706.*

**Formula,** see *Assemblies, Act 5, Commissions to Members of Assemblies, Acts 2, 4. Instructions, Act 2, Probationers, Act 3.*

I. THE Presbytery of *Aubterarder*, is appointed to give Mr. *William Craig* an Extract of his Licence to preach the Gos-



Gospel: And the said Presbytery, or any other Presbytery within this National Church, are discharged to require Subscriptions of any young Men, to be licensed to preach the Gospel, or ordained to the Office of the Ministry, to any *Formula*, but such as is, or shall be agreed to, and approved by the Assemblies of this Church: And the Assembly did declare their Abhorrence of the Proposition required by the said Presbytery of Mr. Craig, viz. *And further, That I do believe, that it is not sound and orthodox to teach, that we must forsake sin, in order to our coming to Christ, and instating us in Covenant with God, as unsound, and most detestable, as it stands, and was offered by the said Presbytery to be subscribed by Mr. Craig: But the Ministers of the said Presbytery not being present to answer for themselves, they were appointed to be cited before the Commission, to answer to them in the Matter above written: And the Commission is empowered to determine therein, as they shall find just. Act 10. Ass. 1717.*

II. THE Brethren of the Presbytery of *Auchterarder*, having compeared before the Commission, and represented what they intended by the said Proposition, and the Commission having accepted of the Sense they offered of it; with this Declaration always, That however sound and orthodox they were in their Meaning, and what they intended by that Proposition, yet they had express'd it in Words very unwarrantable and exceptionable: And the Commission having admonished them, and discharged them to use that Expression in Time coming, and the Brethren of *Auchterarder* having engaged to observe this Prohibition; the Assembly did approve their Commission's Actings in this Matter; and, for Vindication of their Brethren of *Auchterarder*, did appoint what is above to be printed among their publick Acts. *Act 8, Ass. 1718,*

*Fornication, see Remedies of Sins, and there, Ecclesiastick Remedy against Prophaneness, 5. Prophaneness, Act 2, Overtures, Act 3.*

THAT all married Persons, under publick Scandal of Fornication committed before Marriage (altho' the Scandal thereof has not appeared before Marriage) do satisfie publickly for the Sin committed before their Marriage,

their being in the State of Marriage notwithstanding; and that in the same manner, as they should have done if they were not married. *Act Sess. 7, June 11, A. 1646.*

*Free Election, see Transplantation, Congregation.*

### Fugitives from Discipline.

It Persons, under Process for Standards, abscond, they, after being called, and not compearing, should be cited, first from the Pulpit of the Parish where the Process depends, and they reside; and if they appear not, they are, by Order of the Presbytery, to be cited from the Pulpits of all the Kirks of their Bounds, to compear before the Presbytery; and if they do not then compear, they are to be declared Fugitives from Discipline, and the same to be intimated in all the Kirks within the Bounds of the Presbytery; desiring, That if any knows of the said Fugitives, they may acquaint the Minister or Elder of the Bounds thereof: And the Presbytery are to sit there, until they get further Notice of these Persons, *Form Pres. Cap. 2, § 16, Act 11, A. 1707.*

### Funeral Sermons.

FUNERAL Sermons are discharged, as favouring of Superstition. *Act Sess. 23 and 24, Decem. 17 and 18, A. 1636, Act. 22.*

### G.

Gaming, see Ministers and there, Corruptions in their Persons and Lives, § 1.

Gardin (Doctor George) see *Bostrigionism, Acts 1, 2.*

General Assembly, see *Assemblies, Fasts and Thanksgivings, Acts 2, 3.*

Guthrie, (Mr. James) see *Separatists.*

Gibbs (Mr. Thomas) see *Offices in the Church.*

Gleibs and Manes.

IT is recommended to the Parliament, or Commission for planting of Kirks, to provide Ministers in

Manse and Gleibs, and remead the Prejudice sustained by Ministers in having their Gleibs divided in Parcels, and by lying far from their Charges, &c. *Ses. ult. Sept. 1. Ass. 1647.*

Government Effort, see *Exhortation.*

Government of the Kirk, see *Propositions*, 5, 6, 7. *Students of Theology*, *Act 3. Instructions*, *Acts 1, 2. Universities.*

Governours of Youth, see *School-Masters*, *Act 2.*

Grahame Marquels of Montrose his Proclamation, see *Proclamation.*

Grammar and Grammar-Schools, see *Schools*, *Acts 2, 4. Colleges*, *Act 1. § 1, 2, Act 3.*

'Tis recommended to all the Universities, to condescend upon the best Overtures for the most profitable teaching of Grammar and Philosophy, and Report to the Assembly, *Ses. ult. June 18. Ass. 1646.*

Greek Tongue, see *Colleges*, *Act 1. § 3, 4, 5. Students, Grievances of the Church.*

THE Assembly approves of a Memorial setting forth fully the Churches Grievances from Patronages, from the Toleration, as it stands; the Hardships imposed upon *Scotsmen* in Office in *England* and *Ireland*, in obliging them to take the Sacramental Test, and the Prejudice done to this Church by the Differences that have arisen about the Oath of Abjuration; and recommends to all their Members to use their Endeavours with Friends at *London*, that the End of the Addresses set down in the Act of Assembly 1714. concerning the Oath of Abjuration (which see in Unity in the Church) may be obtained: And the said Memorial is put in the Hands of their Commission, who are enjoined to use all due Means to obtain Redress, and to send the same to



to the Secretary of State, to be laid before his Majesty;  
*Act 9. Act. 1715.*

Gross Ignorance, see *Propositions*, § 4.

Gross Scandals, see *Excommunication the Greater*.

I. IN gross Scandals, the Rules in Act 4. *Act. 1703.* are to be followed, which see in Scandals, *Form Proc. Cap. 3. § 5. Act 11. Act. 1707.*

II. PROCESSES, for the Scandals of Incest, Adultery, Trilapse in Fornication, Murther, Atheism, Idolatry, Witchcraft, Charming, and Heresy, and Error vented and made publick by any of the Congregation, Schism and Separation from the publick Ordinances; and such like gross Scandals, Processers in order to the highest Censures of the Church, and continued Contumacy, natively begin at the Kirk-Session; yet the Session does not finally determine them themselves, but having received Information of them, they are to weigh the same according to the Rules and Directions prescribed in other Processes, which belong to their peculiar Province, and to deal with the accused to Confess; which being done, they are to refer the Case, and send an Extract of their Procedure thereanent to the Presbytery, *Form Proc. Cap. 6. § 1. Act 11. Act. 1707.* When there is no Confession of the above-mentioned Scandals, the Session are not to lead Probation by Witnesses or Presumptions, until the Matter be first referred to the Presbytery as aforesaid, and the Presbytery appoint them to proceed and lead Probation; and after Probation is led, the same is to be brought to the Presbytery, who may inflict what Censure they see Cause, *Ibid. § 2.* If the Process be clear, as in case of a judicial Confession, the Session may summon the Delinquent, when before them, to compare before the Presbytery without previous acquainting them thereof; but where there is any Difficulty, the Session should take the Presbyteries Advice, before a Party be summoned before them, *Ibid. § 3.* When the Parties confess before the Presbytery, and profess Repentance, the Presbytery having gravely rebuked, and seriously exhorted them, are to determine the Censure, and prescribe the Time and Place of the Parties their Profession of Repentance publickly, in the Church of that

that Congregation where the Process began, or remit to the Session to give Orders thereanent, *Ibid.* § 4. 'Tis more fit that the Scandal be removed in the Congregation, where the Offence is most flagrant; especially, if the Party reside in that Parish, rather than in the Place where it was committed, if not publick there; and that Intimation be made, of the removing thereof, in other Places, if needful, *Ibid.* § 5. When Persons censured for gross Scandals, apply to the Session for Relaxation, they may both be privately conferred with, and their Acknowledgements heard before the Session; but they ought not to be brought before the Congregation, in order to Absolution, nor be absolved, but by Advice and Order of the Presbytery, *Ibid.* § 6.

### Gross Sins.

THAT all Presbyteries give up to the Justices the Names of the Adulterers, incestuous Persons, Witches and Sorcerers, and others guilty of such gross and fearful Sins within their Bounds, that they may be processed and punished, according to the Laws of the Kingdom, and that the Presbyteries and Synods be careful herein, as they will answer to the General Assemblies; and because Witchcraft, Charming, and such like, proceeds many times from Ignorance, that therefore all Ministers, especially, in these Parts where these Sins are frequent, be diligent in Preaching, Catechising, and Conference, to inform their People therein, *Overs. and Act. Sess. 11. Aug. 5. Ass. 1642.*

### H.

Haunters with Papists, and excommunicated Persons, see *Excommunication, Sec. Act. 2. 3. Papists, Act. 13.*  
 Healths drinking, see *Ministers. Act. 2. and there, Remedies of their Enormities, § 11.*

Hebrew

Hebrew Language, see *Students of Theology*,

Act 1.

Henderson (Mr. Alexander.)

A Pamphlet falsely entituled, The Declaration of Mr. Alexander Henderson Principal, Minister of the Word of God at Edinburgh, and chief Commissioner from the Kirk of Scotland to the Parliament and Synod of England, made upon his Death-bed, is condemned as forged, scandalous, and false; and the Author and Contriver of the same declared void of Charity and a good Conscience, and a gross Liar and Calumniator, led by the Spirit of the Accuser of the Brethren, Act Sess. 31. Aug. 7. Ass. 1648.

Hepburn (Mr. John,) see *Separatists*.

I. Mr. John Hepburn is suspended from the exercise of the Ministry, and the Sentence appointed to be intimated, as in Act 27. Ass. 1696.

II. Mr. Hepburn is deposed from the Office of the Holy Ministry, and is discharged to exercise the same, or any Part thereof, in time coming, under the Pain of the highest Censures of the Church for his irregular and divisive Course, mentioned in Act 7. Ass. 1705.

NOTE, He was afterwards repented by the Commission of Assembly 1707, upon a Reference to them of his Case; but their Procedure in that Matter was found irregular, and excepted from the Approbation of their Book, by Ass. 1708.

Heresy, see *Gross Scandals*, Act 2. *Excommunication the Greater*, in fine.

Heterodoxy, see *Ministers*, Act 5. § 8.

Highest Censures, see *Gross Scandals*, Act 2.

High Commission Court,

THE High Commission Court is disallowed, and condemned as unlawful in it self, and prejudicial to the Liberties of Christ's Kirk and Kingdom, the King's Honour, in maintaining the established Laws and



and Judicatures of the Kirk, and the Use and Practice of the same is prohibited, and Presbyteries are ordained to proceed with the Censures of the Kirk against all such as shall transgress, *Act Sess. 14. Dec. 6. Ass. 1638.*

Highlands, see Schools, *Act 2. § 5. Act 5. 6. Libraries.*

Highland Boys and Language, see *Irish Bursars, &c. Bursars, Act 12. Probationers, Act 3, 5, 6.*

I. THAT the Knowledge of God in Christ may be spread throughout the Highlands and Islands, it's agreed, *1mo*, That an Order be procured that all Gentlemen who are able to send, at least their eldest Sons, to be Bred in the Inland. *2do*, That a Ministry be planted among them, and for that Effect, that Ministers and Expectants, who can speak the *Irish* Language, be sent to imploy their Talents in these Parts; and that Kirks there be provided as other Kirks in this Kingdom. *3do*, That *Scott* Schools be erected in all Parishes there, according to the Act of Parliament, where conveniently they can be had. *4to*, That all Ministers and ruling Elders that have the *Irish* Language, be appointed to visit these Parts; and this Purpose is recommended to further Consideration, that more Overtures might be prepared thereunto against the next Assembly, *Sess. ult. June 18. Ass. 1646.*

II. SOME Highland Boys are recommended to Bursaries in the Universities, and every Congregation appointed to pay 40 s. *Scot* yearly for maintaining other Highland Boys at Schools, in Manner mentioned in *Act Sess. 29. Aug. 4. Ass. 1648.*

*Nota*, THIS Collection was only to endure for the Space of 12 Years.

III. THE Provinces of *Murray, Ross, and Caithness* are exempted from the above Contribution of 40 s. upon Condition, that each Presbytery of these Provinces, entertain one having the *Irish* Language at Schools and Colleges, *Act Sess. 40. Aug. 11. Ass. 1648.*

IV. AND

IV. AND instead of that Contribution of 40*lb.* an extraordinary Collection is ordained to be at Kirk-Doors one Sabbath in the Year, for Entertainment of *Irish* Boys at Schools and Colleges, by *Act Sess. ult.* Aug. 6. *Ass.* 1649.

V. ENACTED, 1*mo.* That Ministers and Probationers who have the *Irish* Language, be sent to Highland Parishes, and that none of them be settled in the Low-Country, till the Highland Places be first provided. 2*do.* That Ministers and ruling Elders, who have the *Irish* Language, be appointed to visit these Parts. 3*io.* That where in any Highland Congregation, many understand *English*, and there used once a Day to be a Sermon in *English*, Presbyteries be careful to supply them, sometimes by Preaching in *English*, and that they Catechise them who understand not, by an Interpreter, when they cannot get one to Preach to them in *Irish*; and that these, whether Ministers or Probationers, who have somewhat of the *Irish* Language, but not a Facility to Preach in it, be sent to these Parts for the Ends foresaid, that by Converse they may learn more of the Language, and Ability to Instruct the People. 4*to.* That *English* Schools be erected in all Highland Parishes, according to former Acts of Parliament and General Assemblies; And it's recommended to the Commission, to Address the King and Parliament, to take such Course for this and other pious Uses in the more Northern Highland Places, as is done in *Argyle*: 5*to.* It's recommended to Presbyteries and Universities, to have a special Regard to the disposal of their Bursaries, for educating such, as it's hoped, may be useful to preach the Gospel in the Highlands; and that the Commission Address the Lords of Treasury, and recommend the same to the Town-Council of *Edinburgh*, and other Patrons for this End. And that the Presbyteries of *Dumbarton*, *Dumblain*, *Auchtermoider*, *Dunkeld*, *Inverness*, *Aberlour*, *Tain*, *Dingwall*, *Dornock*, and *Caithness*; have Bursars who have the *Irish* Language, if they can be had, and that Universities recommend Students having that Language, and who are piously disposed, and of sound Principles, to any of the above Presbyteries, *Act* 9. *Ass.* 1699.

VI. APPOINTED, 1*mo.* That each Presbytery give up yearly to the General Assembly a distinct Account of Probationers and Students of Divinity within their Bounds who have the *Irish* Language. 2*do.* That Mini-  
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sters having that Language settled in the Lowlands, be sent to supply Vacancies in the Highlands; and if they get orderly Calls, that they be transported thither. 310. A Committee is appointed to distribute the *Irish* Bibles, and to take Receipts thereof. And 410. To enquire anent the 1000 *l.* given by the Treasury for binding these Bibles, and the remains thereof allotted to help a Fund for a new Impression thereof. 510. That all, especially Presbyteries having *Irish* Parishes, consider what may be done to get a Fund for a new Impression of these Bibles, and of the *Irish* Psalms in Metre, and Shorter Catechisms. 610. That the Synod of *Argyle* translate the Confession of Faith of this Church, and Larger Catechism in the *Irish* Language, and exactly notice any Typographical Errors in the late Impression of the *Irish* Bible, that they may be amended in a new Impression. *Nota*, THIS Recommendation is renewed by *Act* 17. *Ass.* 1704. which see in Libraries, *Act* 1. 7mo. That they continue to visit the Country and Isles in their Bounds, and assist their Neighbours, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. Committees are appointed for visiting several Highland Parishes, Kirks, Manfes, Gleibs, and Schools, in manner mentioned in these Articles. And 1510. That his Majesty be addressed for the Effect of his Royal Munificence to the more Northern Highlands, and the Concurrence of the Nobility and Gentry concerned be desired for this End, *Act* 16. *Ass.* 1699.

VII. ALL Presbyteries of this Church are discharged for the future, to concur with any Call or Design of settling any Minister or Probationer having *Irish*, in any Congregation in the Lowlands, unless such Persons have been for one Year at least in the Highlands supplying Vacancies, and no Call offered to them, and in that Case, Presbyteries are allowed to settle them; but with this Condition, that so soon as a Call comes from any Highland Parish, needing one having the *Irish* Language, that such Persons shall be transported, and all former *Acts* made anent planting the Highlands are renewed; and 'tis referred to the Commission to take care that the same be put to due Execution, *Act* 11. *Ass.* 1708.

VIII. PRESBYTERIES are ordained, when they are to take a young Man under Trials, who lived for some time of his younger Years in the Highlands, or where the *Irish* Lan-



Language is generally spoken, to write to that Presbytery in whose Bounds he lived the said Time, to make enquiry whether such a Person hath the *Irish* Language, or might soon acquire it, and upon Report that he hath it, or may soon acquire it, that he be sent to supply in the Highlands as one that hath the *Irish* Language; and it's certified, that if Presbyteries settle any in these Circumstances in a Congregation; having only the *English* Language, they shall be censured, and the Person so settled shall be transportable to any Highland Congregation that shall Call him, and shall be liable to be sent as a Supply to the Highlands, any such Settlement notwithstanding: And the Commission is empowered, to receive Complaints from any Presbytery or Parish in the Highlands, who shall find themselves lesed in this Matter, and to put the present Act in Execution in all Points. *Act 5. Ass. 1709.*

IX. *THE* Assembly discharges the planting, in Lowland Congregations, Preachers having the *Irish* Language, especially, such as have been educated upon the Highland Bursaries, or transporting to the Lowlands Ministers planted in the Highlands, without a particular Allowance of the Assembly. *Act 8. Ass. 1716.*

X. *AND* the Commission is empowered, to send Committees to the North and Highlands, to visit Churches there, and consider the State thereof, and purge and plant Kirks, and to join the Presbyteries of the Bounds they are sent to, and to assist them in their Work, *Act 9. Ass. 1716.*

**Highland Kirks,** see *Lists of Expectants, Schools, &c. Act 2, § 5. Act 5.*

**Holy Days,** see *Articles of Perth.*

**Holland,** see *Letters, Head 6.*

**Honours,** see *Burying in Kirks.*

**Hollanities,** see *Ministers, and there, Corruptions in their Persons and Lives, § 3.*

**House,** see *ordering the Assembly-House.*

**Humiliation,** see *Fasts, &c.*

**Husbands,** see *absence of Husbands.*

I.

**Idolatry**, see *Gross Scandals*, Act 2.

**Idolatrous Monuments.**

**T**HAT Idolatrous Monuments be taken down, demolished and destroyed with all convenient Diligence; and the Care of that Work is committed to Presbyteries and Provincial Assemblies within the Kingdom; and that their Commissioners Report their Diligence therein to the Assembly, *Act Sess. 2. July 29. Ass. 1640.*

**Ignorant Persons**, see *Remedies of Sins*, and there, particular *Ecclesiastical Remedy 4. and Ecclesiastick Remedy against Profaneness 1.*

**Images**, see *Idolatrous Monuments.*

**Impiety.**

**MINISTERS** and People are exhorted to the Religious Exercises of publick and private Worship, and to the Duties of mutual Edification, and charged to endeavour the suppressing of all Impiety, and mocking of Religious Exercises, and to eschew all Meetings which are apt to breed Error, Scandal, Schism, Neglect of Duties, and particular Callings, and such other Evils; and the Execution of this Act is remitted to Synods and Presbyteries, see at large, *Act Sess. 10. Aug. 4. Ass. 1641.*

**Impudence**, see *Ministers, Act 1.* and there, *Corruptions in their Office, § 5. Act 2.* and there, *Enormities in their Callings, § 10. Act 5. § 13. Informers. Students of Theology, Act 1.*

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**Incest.**

**Incest**, see *Gross Scandals*, Act 2.

**Independency**, see *Books erroneous, Propositions for Kirk-Government*, § 2, 6, 7.

**Inferior Judicatories**, see *deposed Ministers*, Act 6.

**Informers**, see *Ministers*, Act 5. § 3.

THERE is no need of Accusers or Informers in Ecclesiastical Processes, where the same are not raised at the Instance of a Party complaining formally; but if the Party be acquitted, the Informers ought to be noticed either for their Calumny, or Imprudence, as the Judicatory shall find Cause, *Form Proc. Cap. 2. § 8. Act 11. Aff. 1707.*

### Innovations in Worship.

THE Assembly after a long Narrative, discharges the Practice of all Innovations in Divine Worship within this Church, and requires and obtests all the Ministers of this Church, especially these in whose Bounds such Innovations are, or may happen to be, to represent to their People the Evil thereof, and seriously exhort them to beware of them; and to deal with all such as do practise the same, in order to their Recovery and Reformation; and enjoins the Commission to use all proper Means, by applying to the Government, or otherwise, for suppressing and removing all such Innovations, and preventing the Evils and Dangers that may ensue thereupon to this Church, Act 15. Aff. 1707.

**Instructions**, see *Libraries*, Act 3.

ITHE Commissions granted by Act 16. and 17. Aff. 1690. for Visitations on the North and South-sides of Tez, (which see in *Commissions of Assemblies*, Acts 13, 14.) were instructed (1. and 2.) to discuss all References, Appeals, and Bills committed to them by that Assembly. 3<sup>ro</sup>, To give Advice to Presbyteries. 4<sup>to</sup>, Purge out all insufficient, supinely Negligent, Scandalous and Erroneous Ministers. 5. Visit Ministers. 6. Admit to Ministerial Com-



Communion, and a Share of the Government, such of the Episcopal Clergy, as they, upon due Trial, found to be Orthodox in Doctrine, of competent Abilities, having a pious, godly, loyal, and peaceable Conversation, of an edifying Gift, and whom they believe, should be true and faithful to God and the Government, and diligent in their Ministerial Duties, that shall subscribe the Confession of Faith, and profess their Submission to, and Willingness to join and concur with the Presbyterian Church Government. 7. Act cautiously and deliberately in their Procedure against the late Conformists, 8. Keep close to their Instructions, &c. See *Act 19. Ass. 1690.*

II. THE Commission granted by Assembly 1694, (which see in *Commissions of Assemblies, Act 16.*) was instructed, 1. To Determine in all Matters remitted to them by the Assembly; some of them to go to the North, and the rest to continue in the South, their *Quorums* are fixed, and their first Meeting determined by the Assembly; but their after Meetings left to their own Appointment. § 2, 3, 4 and 5. 6. They are instructed to receive into Ministerial Communion, such of the Episcopal Clergy whom they should find qualified as above, and who should apply personally and orderly, and should acknowledge, engage, and subscribe upon the End of the Confession of Faith, as follows, viz: 1 A. B. do sincerely own and declare the above Confession of Faith, approved by former General Assemblies of this Church, and ratified by Law, in the Year 1690, to be the Confession of my Faith; and that I own the Doctrine therein contained, to be the true Doctrine which I will constantly adhere to: As likewise, That I own and acknowledge Presbyterian Church-Government of this Church, now settled by Law, by Kirk-sessions, Presbyteries, Provincial Synods and General Assemblies, to be the only Government of this Church; and that I will submit thereto, concur therewith, and never endeavour, directly nor indirectly, the Prejudice or Subversion thereof; and that I shall observe Uniformity of Worship, and of the Administration of all publick Ordinances within this Church, as the same are at present performed and allowed. And take Trial of Ministers accused of any Scandal, Error, supine Negligence or Insufficiency, and report to the Assembly, and determine in the Case of gross uncontroverted Scandals, give Advice to Presbyteries, censure Calumniators of Ministers. 7. Settle Elderships, and plant vacant Congregations in the North, and determine in Appeals, &c. *Act 11, Ass. 1694.*

III. INSTRUCTIONS, much of the same Nature, are given to the *Commission* of the Assembly 1698, by *Act* 13 of that Assembly.

IV. TO the *Commission* of the Assembly 1699, by *Act* 15 of that Assembly.

V. TO the *Commission* of the Assembly 1700. by *Act* 20 of that Assembly; and they are further instructed, to supply the *African* and *Indian* Colony with Ministers, and to suspend for three Months, and thereafter depose Ministers disobeying Sentences of Transportation.

VI. THE like Instructions are given to the *Commission* of the General Assembly 1701, by *Act* 16 of that Assembly; and renewed in the *Commission* given by *Ass.* 1702.

VII. THE like Instructions are given to the *Commission* of General Assembly 1703, by *Act* 3 of that Assembly.

VIII. TO the *Commission* of General Assembly 1704, by *Act* 20 of that Assembly: And further, the Care of the Highlands and Islands is particularly committed to them; and they are instructed to make an Application to the Parliament, for a *Commission* for Plantation of Kirks, &c. and Visitation of Schools and Colleges.

IX, X. THE like Instructions are given to the *Commission* of the General Assembly 1705, by *Act* 14 of that Assembly; only they are discharged to meddle with Sentences of Synods, excepting Causes specially referred to them by the Assembly: And the same Instructions are renewed in the *Commission* given by the Assembly 1706.

XI. THE like Instructions as were given by former Assemblies to their *Commissions*, are given by *Act* 13. *Ass.* 1707.

XII. THE like Instructions are given by Assembly 1708, to their *Commission*; only they are further ordered, to apply to, and correspond with the Lords of Council and Session, about the Design of Erecting Schools in the North, the Highlands and Islands, and propagating the Knowledge of God and our Lord *Jesus Christ*, in these and foreign Parts of the World, and to write to Presbyteries to excite Persons to contribute towards that Design; and that Presbyteries Report an Account of their Diligence in that Matter to the *Commission*; and it's referred to the *Commission* to use their Endeavours for the Execution of the 5th *Act* of Assembly 1707, (which see in *Schools*) the 8th *Act* of that Assembly (which see in *Papists*) and the 15th *Act* of the same Assembly (which see in *Innovations*) *Act* 9. *Ass.* 1708.

XIII. THE like Instructions as formerly are given by Assembly 1709. to their Commission, only there is added a Clause, requiring the Commission to take notice of what Misrepresentations might be made, either at Home or Abroad, of the Doctrine, Worship, or Constitution of this Church; and that they take all decent and proper Methods for the Vindication of the Church. *Act 10, Ass. 1709.*

XIV. THE like Instructions as formerly, are given to the Commission, by *Act 15, Ass. 1710.*

XV. AND again, by *Ass. 1711*; only an Article is added, requiring them to do what is proper, to maintain the Rights and Privileges of this Church; and another, empowering them to use their Endeavours to get a School erected in every Parish, according to Law. *Act 9, Ass. 1711.*

XVI, XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX. THE like Instructions as formerly, are given to the Commission, by *Act 9, Ass. 1712*, and by *Act 9, Ass. 1713*. And the same Instructions are renewed in the Commission given by *Act 10, Ass. 1714*. And again, in the Commission given by *Act 11, Ass. 1715*. And again, in the Commission given by *Act 5, Ass. 1716*.

XXI, XXII, XXIII, XXIV. INSTRUCTIONS of the like Tenor with the former, are given to the Commission, by *Act 6, Ass. 1717*; and the same are renewed in the Commission given by *Act 5, Ass. 1718*. And again, in the Commission given by *Act 11, Ass. 1719*. And again, in the Commission given by *Act 6, Ass. 1720*.

Interpreter, see *Highlands, Act 5, § 3.*

Interrogators, see *Witnesses, Ministers, Act 5, § 7.*

Intimation, see *Correspondence of Judicatures, Act 2, Absolution, Act 1, Excommunication the Lesser and greater.*



**Intrants to the Ministry, see Ministers, Act**  
 1, and there, *Corruptions in their Office*, § 1,  
 2, 3, *Act 2.* and there, *Enormities in their*  
*Callings*, § 1, *Confession of Faith, Act 7, 8.*  
*Prophaneness, Act 5, § 4, Probationers.*

I. ALL Oaths and Subscriptions exacted by Prelates,  
 of Intrants to the Ministry, preceeding the Date of this  
*Act*, are declared unlawful, and no ways obligatory. *Act*  
*sess. 13, Decem. 5, Ass. 1638.*

II. 'Tis recommended to the Commissioners for pub-  
 lick Affairs, to seek Redress from the Parliament, in re-  
 lation to the great Burdens Intrants undergo when they  
 enter the Ministry, which holds many of them long at un-  
 der; and that Ministers Manes and Stipends may be all  
 made free to the Intrant: And they are appointed to  
 consider of some fitting Overtures, to be presented to the  
 Parliament for that effect, *Act sess. 14, June 18, Ass. 1646.*

**Intrinsick Power, see Assemblies, Act 2. Con-**  
*fession of Faith, Act 6, Evils of the Kirk.*

**Intruders, see Congregation, Separatists,**

I. 'Tis recommended to the Commissioners of Assem-  
 bly, and Committee for the North *respectively*, to make En-  
 quiry into unwarrantable and illegal Intrusions; and  
 to apply to the Lords of Privy Council to declare the  
 Intrusion, to the effect the Kirks intruded into might  
 be orderly planted, with their Lordships Assistance. *Act*  
*16, Ass. 1694.*

II. PRESBYTERIES are appointed to send in to the  
 Commission, an Account of such Ministers or Preachers  
 as intrude into Parishes, that Application may be made to  
 the Government, for removing them according to Law.  
*Act 18, Ass. 1701.*

*Irish.*

**Irish Bursars, Probationers, Students, and Tongue, see Highlands, and Highland Boys, and Language, Lists of Expectants, Act 1, in fine, and Act 2, Transplantations, Act 1, § 6, Bibles, Bursars, Act 8, Probationers, Act 3, § 5, 6.**

I THAT young Students that have the *Irish* Language, be train'd up at Colleges in Letters, especially in the Studies of Divinity: And to this effect, 'tis recommended to Presbyteries and Universities, to prefer any hopeful Students that have that Language to Bursaries, that they, by their Studies, in process of Time attaining to Knowledge, and being enabled for the Ministry, may be sent forth for preaching the Gospel in these Highland Parts, as Occasion shall require. *Act Sess. 3, Aug. 16, Ass. 1643.*

II. 'Tis seriously recommended to all Presbyteries, that they fix no such Preachers or Intrants, as have the *Irish* Language, in any Congregation within the Lowlands of Scotland, without the Consent of, and Testificate from the Presbyteries in the Highlands where they formerly resided. *Act 21, Ass. 1694. Nota, This Act is to continue, till such Time as the Highlands be compleatly provided with Ministers.*

III. 'Tis appointed, That such as crave the Benefit of Bursaries, or who are to be admitted to Trials for the Ministry, in order to be sent to the Highlands, be first examined upon their Knowledge in the *Irish* Language, by Persons having a competent Measure of Knowledge in that Language; and be found by them to have so much Knowledge of that Language, as that they may be useful in a Highland Congregation: And the Names of the said Examinators, together with their Report, is ordained to be recorded in the Books of the Judicatory that employs them in the said Trials. *Act 7, Ass. 1717.*

**Irishes, see Petition.**

**Ireland, see Letter, Head 7, Act 5:**

I. A Letter from the distressed Professors in *Ireland*, after the Rebellion, to the General Assembly, begging to be supplied with Ministers, is recorded in *Sess. 13, Aug. 6, Ass. 1642*, and an Answer thereto.

II. SOME Ministers are commissioned to go to *Ireland* by Turus, to visit, comfort, instruct, and encourage the scattered Flocks of *Christ* there, and to plant and water, according to the Direction of *Christ*, and the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of *Scotland* in all things, till the next Assembly. *Ibid.*

III. ANOTHER Letter from *Ireland*, to the same effect, and begging, That Ministers fled from them might be declared transportable, that they might lie open to a Call from them, is recorded in *Sess. 4, Aug. 5, Ass. 1643.*

IV. AND, in Answer thereto, there is a Commission granted to some Ministers, of the same Tenor with the former. *Sess. ult. Aug. 19 of that Assembly.*

V. A Petition from the distressed Christians in *Ireland* to the General Assembly, shewing their having joined in the Solemn League, and that the Churches of *Holland* have supplied them with Provisions in their Straits; and begging, That the Assembly would join with them in returning Thanks to these Churches; and would pass the Bill, already advised by the Committee of Bills, for empowering the Commission to grant them a competent Number of Ministers, when they shall see their Call cleared; and in the mean time, renew their usual Supply of Ministers. *Sess. 2. May Penult. Ass. 1644.*

### Irregularities, see Schism.

'Tis recommended to Presbyteries, to take notice of all Ministers within their Bounds, whether the late conforming Incumbents, or others, who shall not observe Fasts and Thanksgivings indicted by the Church, or who shall be found guilty of any irregular Carriage in administering the Sacraments in private, or celebrating clandestine Marriages, without due Proclamation of Bans; and to censure them accordingly. *Act 6, Ass. 1690.*

Irregular Licencing and Ordaining of Ministers, see *Licencing.*

Judicatories, see *Power of Church-judicatures, Universities, Act 5.*

THE Judicatories of this Kirk, viz. Kirk-sessions, Presbyteries, Provincial and National Assemblies are restored



stored to their full Integrity, in their Members, Privileges, Liberties, Powers and Jurisdictions, as they were instituted by the Book of Policy, registrate in the Books of Assembly 1581, and ordained to be subscribed, 1599 and 1591. See *Act Sess. 21, Decem. 17, Ass. 1638.*

*Jus devolutum, see North, Act 14.*

K.

*Keeping of the Kirk, see Worship publick.*

*Bell's Parish, see Stranrawer.*

*King, see Letters, Head 7, Remonstrances, Exhortation.*

*Kirks, see Visitations Presbyterial, Burying in Kirks, Plantation of Kirks.*

I. A Recommendation to the Parliament, and Commission for Plantation of Kirks, &c. to dismember such Kirks, as were incommodiouly united in corrupt Times, and adjoin the same (or Kirks incommodiouly erected by themselves) to other Kirks, when the present incumbents agree thereto; providing always the present Ministers, who have laboured and endured the Heat of the Day, may enjoy the Benefit of such Parcels as shall be taken from them, during their Life; Is approved: And 'tis referred to the Commission, to assist any interested in these particulars, in prosecuting the same before these Judicatories. *Sess. ult. Sept. 1, Ass. 1647.*

II. THAT the Ministers and People repair to the Kirk, half an hour before that Time, at which ordinarily the Minister now entreats to the publick Worship; and that the Exercise of Reading and expounding, together with the ordinary Exercise of Preaching, be perfected and ended at the Time which formerly closed the Exercise of publick Worship. *Act Sess. 14, Feb. 7, Ass. 1645.* The Act is the Opinion of the Committee for keeping greater Uniformity in this Kirk, &c. *Act. 1.*

*Kirk.*

**Kirk-government**, see *Ordination, Propositions*, &c. § 5, 6, 7.

**Kirks in the Highlands**, see *Lists of Expectants*, Act 1 in fine, and Act 2.

**Kirkmen**, see *Places Civil*.

**Kirk-sessions**, see *Evils of the Kirk*, *Session-book*, *Judicatories*, *Acts of Assembly*, Act 5, 6. *Excommunication the lesser*, *Gross Scandals*.

I. An Overture, That no Minister moderating in his Session, usurp a Negative Voice over Members of his Session; and where there are two or more Ministers in one Congregation, that they have equal Power in Voicing; That one of them hinder not the Reasoning or Voicing of any Thing, whereunto the other Minister or Ministers, with a great part of the Session, inclineth, being agreeable to the Acts and Practice of the Kirk; and that one of the Ministers, without the Advice of his Colleague, appoint not Diets of Communion or Examination, neither hinder his Colleague from Catechising, and using other Religious Exercises, as oft as he pleaseth; Is referred to the Care of Presbyteries, by Sess. 23 and 24 Decem, 17 and 18, *Ass. 1638, Art. 18*.

II. That the old Session elect the new Session, both in Burgh and Land; and if any Place shall vake, in the Session chosen, by Death, or otherwise, that the present Session have the Election of the Person to fill the vacant Room. *At Sess. 5, Aug. 1, Ass. 1642*.

**Kirkcudbright**, see *Stranrawer, Dalry*.

**Kirkmabreck**, see *Stranrawer*.

**Kirkwall-presbytery**, see *Caithness, Orkney*.

**Kintelling**, see *Articles of Perth*.

**Knowledge**, see *Christian Knowledge*, *Catechising*.

L.

**Large Declaration.**

A Supplication is presented to His Majesty's Commissioner, against the Book called *The Large Declaration*; which falsely asperseth the Church with disloyal Designs; entreating, His Majesty might be pleased to call in that Book, and punish the Authors thereof. *Sess. 23, Aug. 30, 1639.*

'Tis noted here, That the Commissioner in Council having received that Supplication, promised to impart the same to His Majesty, and report his Diligence therein.

**Larger Catechism,** see *Catechism, Act 3.*

**Latine Tongue,** see *Colleges, Act 1, § 2.*

**Grammar-schools, Schools, Act 2, § 6, Act 4.**

**Laureation,** see *Schools, Act 4.*

**Law-suits prohibited to Ministers,** see *Ministers, Act 1, and there, Corruptions in their Persons and Lives, § 5.*

**League Solemn,** see *Covenant, Act 2, 3.*

**Learning,** see *Colleges, especially, Act 1, § 9. Schools, Grammar-schools, Universities.*

'Tis recommended to the Commissioners, directed from the several Universities, to subsequent Assemblies, to meet together, and prepare Overtures to the Assembly, for the Establishment and Advancement of Piety and Learning, and good Order in the Schools and Universities, and to keep a Correspondence amongst themselves for these good Ends. *Act 6, 1707.*

**Lecturing,** see *Remedies of Sins, and there, Particular Ecclesiastick Remedy 1.*

I. 'Tis recommended to the several Presbyteries, that they endeavour, that the Ministers within their respective Bounds



Bounds, shall, in their Exercise of Lecturing, read and open up to the People, some large and considerable Portion of the Word of God, to the effect the old Custom, introduced and established by the Directory, may by Degrees be revived. *Act 9, Ass. 1694.*

II. THE several Ministers of the Church are appointed and ordained, to observe the foresaid Act 1694, anent Lecturing: And 'tis recommended to Presbyteries, at their privy Censures, to enquire how the said Act has been observed by the several Brethren within their Bounds, and that an Account of their Diligence thereanent be insert in their Presbytery-books; and that Synods, at their privy Censures, enquire how Presbyteries have observed the said Recommendation. *Act 5, Ass. 1704.*

III. THAT the several Presbyteries, at their privy Censures and parochial Visitations, enquire diligently how Ministers observe the Acts of former Assemblies, concerning Lecturing and Expounding of the holy Scriptures. *Act 10, Ass. 1706.*

## I.

Letters, see *Ireland, Act 1, 3, Testimonials, Correspondence.*

## II.

Letter to the African Company's Ministers.

LETTER from the General Assembly to the Ministers sent by the Commission of the General Assembly 1699, to the *African and Indian Company's Colony in Caledonia*, comforting them, and strengthening their Hands in their Work. *Act 6, Ass. 1700.*

## III.

Letters to & from Commissioners at London.

I. A Letter from the General Assembly to the Commissioners from *Scotland at London*, entreating them to use all lawful Means, Arguments and Occasions, to advance Unity in Religion, & Uniformity in Church-government, betwixt the Kingdoms. *Scff. 11, Aug. 5, Ass. 1642.*

II. LETTER from the Commissioners at *London* to the General Assembly, giving them an Account of their Diligence, and of the Advancement of the Work of Reformation in *England*; particularly, that the Solemn League

League was taken there, and Prelacy abolished, &c. And begging the Help of their Prayers; and the Assembly's Answer thereto, sent to them with their Commission; are recorded in *Sess. 7, June 4, Ass. 1644.*

III. ANOTHER Letter from these Commissioners to the General Assembly, giving a farther Account of their Proceedings; and desiring, That the Directory for Worship, then concluded in both Houses of Parliament in England, and sent down to Scotland, might be returned with all Expedition, that it might be published there, and put in practice; That any Differences among particular Brethren about the same, might be laid aside, and that the Assembly might appoint a Commission, to whom they might have Recourse for Advice; Is recorded in *Sess. 2, Jan. 23, Ass. 1645.* and the Assembly's Answer thereto; shewing their Joy for the Advances made in the Uniformity in Religion, and encouraging them to continue in their Work, and referring Particulars to the Brethren returning to them; Is recorded in *Sess. ult. of the same Assembly.*

#### IV.

#### Letter to Countrymen Abroad.

LETTER from the General Assembly to the Scots Ministers in Poland, Swedenland, Denmark and Hungary; beseeching and warning them to seek after the Knowledge of Christ; and for Help therein, to pray, That God would give them Pastors according to his Heart; and to consult and agree amongst themselves, with Consent of their Superiors under whom they live, for setting up the Worship of God, and Ecclesiastical Discipline among them, according to the Form established and received in their Mother-kirk, and for a Way of settled Maintenance of Pastors and Teachers; promising, That the Commissioners of Assembly will, upon their Desire, provide some able and godly Ministers for them; and likewise, communicating to them the Directory for the publick Worship of God, the Form of Ecclesiastical Government and Discipline, with the Confession of Faith and Catechisms of this Church: And in the mean time, exhorting them to private and secret Prayer; to Steadfastness in that Faith in which they were baptized; to a suitable Conversation; and to a Sense of their Country's Sufferings: Is recorded in *Sess. ult. Sept. 1, Ass. 1647.*

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## V.

## Letters to and from Divines, and their Assembly in England.

I. A Letter from some Ministers in *England*, craving the Assembly's Advice, what Form of Church-government they should set up in the Room of Episcopacy, then to be abolished: And the Assembly's Answer thereto, recommending to them Unity in Doctrine, Discipline & Government with the Kirk of *Scotland*. *Sess.* 18, Aug. 9, *Ass.* 1641.

II. LETTER from some Ministers in *England*, to the General Assembly 1642, shewing their Desire, that Presbyterian Government should be established among them; That there should be an Uniformity in Doctrine, Discipline and Government betwixt the Nations; One Confession of Faith, one Directory of Worship, one publick Catechism and Form of Government; and craving the Assembly's Advice, by what Means to advance that Work, and their Assistance therein. *Sess.* 11, Aug. 5 of that *Ass.* 1642. And the Assembly's Answer to that Letter, shewing their Earnestness with God, and the Endeavours used by them, both with His Majesty and Parliament of *England*, for the foresaid Uniformity; and entreating, That that Work may be prosecuted with Diligence by the joint Labours of some Divines in both Kingdoms, who may prepare the same for the View of a more frequent and Ecclesiastical Meeting of the best affected to Reformation in *England*, and of the Commissioners of the General Assembly in *Scotland*; that in the End, it might be approved by the General Assembly here, and of all the Kirks there, in the best way that may be; and at last, of the National Assembly, when met there: And shewing them, that the Assemblies at *Edinburgh* shall, in their Name, receive and return Answers, for promoting so great a Work. *Ibid.*

III. ANOTHER Letter from some Ministers in *England*, to *Ass.* 1643, craving the Help of their Prayers in their present publick Danger from a Popish and Prelatical Party, and their Advice in what remains to be done further by them, for making their own and their Kingdoms Peace with God, and what may be the happiest Course for uniting the Protestant Party among them more firmly against *Antichrist*. See *Sess.* 8, Aug. 10, *Ass.* 1643. And the Assembly's Answer to these Ministers their Letter, comforting



forcing them in their sad Calamities, and encouraging them to go on in the Lord's Work, and to enter with this Kirk in a perpetual Covenant with the Lord, for themselves and their Posterity. *Sess. ult. Aug. 19, Ass. 1643.*

IV. LETTER from the Assembly of Divines in England to the General Assembly 1643, thanking them for their zealous Assistance and Concurrence in furthering the Work of Reformation. *Sess. 14, Aug. 17, Ass. 1643.* And the said Assembly's Answer to that Letter of the Assembly of Divines in England, shewing their Affection to them, and Sympathy with them in the Work of the Lord, and that they had approved of the Draught of the Solemn League and Covenant betwixt the Kingdoms, and had commissioned some Brethren to treat with them, of the common Affairs of Religion and Safety. *Sess. ult. Aug. 19, Ass. 1643.*

V. LETTER from the Presbytery with the Army in England, to General Assembly 1644, giving them an Account of the State of their Affairs; and entreating them to stir up the People to Prayer and Humiliation, That God would preserve Peace and Truth at Home, and make the People of England fit to embrace the intended Reformation. *Sess. 2, Penult. May, Ass. 1644.* And the Assembly's Answer thereto, shewing, That they had set down an Order, to be kept thereafter, in sending Ministers to the Army, which they had sent with their Answers. *Sess. 6, June 3, Ass. 1644.*

VI. LETTER from the Synod of Divines in the Kirk of England, to the General Assembly 1644, to the same purpose; with the Commissioners at London their Letter (which see *supra*) *Sess. 7, June 4, Ass. 1644.* And the Assembly's Answer thereto. *Ibid.*

VII. LETTER from the Synod of Divines in the Kirk of England, to the General Assembly 1645, also giving an Account of the Advance made in the Work of Reformation there, and the Method of their Procedure therein, and transmitting the Directory for Worship. *Sess. 2, Jan. 23, Ass. 1645.* And the Assembly's Answer thereto, shewing their having approved the Directory for Worship, and the Propositions for Kirk-government, and Ordination of Ministers; and renewing the Commission to their Commissioners at London. *Sess. ult. Feb. 13, Ass. 1645.*

VIII. LETTER from the General Assembly 1646, to the Divines of the Kirk of England assembled at Westminster, exhorting them to continue their Diligence to advance

vance Unity in Religion, and to suppress the Growth of Sects and Sectaries. *Sess. ult. June 18, Aff. 1646.*

IX. A Letter from the Synod of Divines in *England*, to the General Assembly 1648, regrating the Hinderances the Work of Reformation hath met with in both Kingdoms; and commending the Zeal, Constancy and Orthodoxy of the Church of *Scotland*. *Sess. 1, July 12, Aff. 1648.* And that Assembly's Answer to the foresaid Letter, shewing the Church of *Scotland's* Firmness to their Principles and Solemn League; and particularly, giving a Testimony against the then unlawful Engagement in War; blessing God for their Unity and Soundness in the Faith; and entreating them to give a publick Testimony for *Christ*, both against Sectaries and Malignants, and seasonably to warn the Houses of Parliament, to promote the Work of Reformation, and Uniformity according to the Covenant, and gravely to warn their dissenting Brethren, what a Door they open to Sectarianism by their Tenet of Independency: And they perswade themselves, that the Well-affected in *England* will agree or hearken to no Motion of any such Treaty of Peace, as leaves out the best Security for Religion, and the Cause of God, and the Solemn League and Covenant. *Sess. 24, Aug. 2, Aff. 1648.*

## VI.

### *Letter to the Kirks in Holland.*

A Letter from the Assembly to the Kirks in the *Netherlands*, (written in *Latine*) thanking them for their Assistance given to the Work of Reformation in this Kingdom, and for their Supply sent to the distressed Christians in the North of *Ireland*; entreating them, in their Name, to thank the States and the People for their Bounty in that Respect; and thanking the Kirks there, for their seasonable Warning given to the reformed Churches, of their Danger from Impostors that had arisen, falsely assuming the Name of *Jesus*, and other Servants of *Antichrist*; Is recorded in *Sess. 6, June 3, Aff. 1644.*

## VII.

### *Letters from our Sovereigns to the Assemblies, and the Assembly's Letters to their Majesties.*

I. LETTER from *K. Charles I.* to the General Assembly; wherein he promises to ratifie in Parliament the  
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Constitutions of the Assembly 1639, is recorded in *Sess* 1, July 20. And the Assembly's Answer thereto, in *Sess* 18. Aug. 9, *Ass*. 1641.

II. ANOTHER Letter from K. *Charles* I. to the Assembly, in *Sess* 1, July 27, *Ass*. 1642.

III. ANOTHER Letter from him to General Assembly 1643, in *Sess* 1, Aug 2. And the Assembly's Answer thereto, giving His Majesty a short Hint of their Proceedings in the publick Affairs of Religion, in *Sess* ult. Aug. 19 of that Assembly.

IV. ANOTHER from His Majesty to General Assembly 1645, declaring his real Resolutions to comply with the Desires of his Parliaments in both Kingdoms, and these intrusted by them, for settling of Truth and Peace in all his Dominions; and to maintain Religion there, as established in Doctrine, Worship and Church-Government, to endeavour the settling of Peace in *Scotland*; and the Reformation of Religion, and Peace, in *England* and *Ireland*; Recorded *Sess* 2, June 1646. And the General Assembly's Answer thereto, in *Sess* ult. June 18 of the same Assembly.

V. A Letter from the Assembly to K. *Charles* II. declaring their Duty and Loyalty to His Majesty; and that they did, from their Hearts, abominate and detest that horrid Fact of the Sectaries against the Life of his Royal Father; and that it was the unfeigned and earnest Desire of their Souls, that the ancient Monarchical Government of these Kingdoms might be established, and flourish in His Majesty's Person and Family; and that there is nothing, under the Glory of God and Cause of the Lord *Jesus Christ*, for which they did more heartily sollicite the Throne of Grace, or for which they would more readily expose unto all Hazard, all that is dear to them in the World, than for this: They warn him of the Evil of the Ways and Courses he is led unto by evil Counsels; particularly, his cleaving to, and entertaining such Men as his trustiest Counsellors, who have not the Glory of God nor Good of his People before their Eyes; but seek their own Interests only, to the Hazard and utter Subversion of his Throne, the Ruin of his Royal Family, and the desolation of his Kingdoms; His settling a late Peace with the *Irish Papists*, contrair to the Laws of God and of the Kingdoms; and of the Danger of these Ways: They exhort him to Repentance, and that he would sincerely and cordially contribute his Royal Allowance and Authority, for establishing



blishing in all his Dominions the Reformation of Religion in Doctrine, Worship and Government, and would conform his own Practice, and the Worship of God in his Royal Family, to that Gospel-simplicity and Purity, which is held forth in the Word of God and Directory for Worship; and would grant, not only his Royal Approbation of the *Covenants*, but that also himself would join with his People therein, and cause all of them stand to it by his Royal Command; Is recorded in *Ses. ult.* Aug. 6, *Ass.* 1649.

VI. LETTER from His Majesty *K. William* to the General Assembly 1690, shewing the Motives of his Countenancing that Assembly; and recommending to them Calmness, and Unanimity in their Proceedings; Is recorded in *Ses. 2* of that Assembly. And the Assembly's Answer thereto, thankfully acknowledging the Goodness of God, and His Majesty's Kindness as an Instrument, in relieving this Church and Kingdom from its late Confusions, and re-establishing the same, and countenancing that Assembly; and shewing their Resolutions to a calm and peaceable Procedure; and professing their Duty and Loyalty to their Majesties; Is recorded in *Ses. 4* of that Assembly.

VII. THE Assembly's Letter to His Majesty at the Closing of the same Assembly, giving him an Account of their Proceedings, in *Act 14*, *Ass.* 1690.

VIII. A Letter from the General Assembly 1694, to *K. William*, acknowledging His Majesty's Kindness to this Church; professing their Loyalty to their Majesties; declaring their Resolutions faithfully to endeavour, amidst all their Difficulties and Discouragements, the healing, Composure and Peace of this Church, the furthering of their Majesties Service in their Station, as the LORD should enable them. See *Act 3*, *Ass.* 1694.

IX. ANOTHER Letter from General Assembly 1696, to *K. William*, blessing God for His Majesty's Government, and Preservation of his Person; Thanking him for his Royal Favours to the Church; Entreating the Continuance thereof, and that he would command the vigorous Execution of the Laws against Ungodliness and Unrighteousness: They profess their Loyalty, and pray for his Prosperity. See *Act 24* of that Assembly.

X. ANOTHER Letter from *K. William* to Assembly 1697, recommending Dispatch and Moderation, the Restraining of Vice, Planting of vacant Churches; and gi-  
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ving Assurance of his Resolution to maintain Presbyterian Government. See Act 2. And the Assembly's Answer thereto; promising the Prosecution of what is therein recommended, and begging the vigorous Execution of the Laws against Prophanity; Is recorded in *Act 4, Ass. 1697.*

XI. ANOTHER Letter from the King to Assembly 1698, to the same Effect with the former; and further, recommending the Assumption of the Episcopal Ministers whole Lives and Doctrine do render them useful to the Church. See *Act 2, Ass. 1698.* And the Assembly's Answer thereto, Act 3 of that Assembly.

XII. ANOTHER Letter from the King, *Act 2.* And the Assembly's Answer thereto, *Act 3, Ass. 1699.*

XIII. ANOTHER from the King, to the same Effect with the former, *Act 2.* And the Assembly's Answer thereto, *Act 3, Ass. 1700.*

XIV. ANOTHER from His Majesty, *Act 2,* to the same Effect. And the Assembly's Answer, acknowledging, as a signal Proof of His Majesty's tender Care and Concern for this Church, his giving the Royal Assent, in the last Session of Parliament, to the Acts therein made, for ratifying, and further confirming the *Confession of Faith*, and the present established Presbyterian Government of this Church, for the more effectual preventing of the Growth of Popery, and suppressing Prophanenels and Immorality; and shewing, That the last Assembly had sent a Commission to the Islands of *Orkney* and *Zetland*, for planting Churches, and advancing the Knowledge of God among that People; who had in a good measure executed the same. See *Act 3, Ass. 1701.*

XV. ANOTHER from the King, *Act 2.* And the Assembly's Answer, of the same Contents with the former; only the Assembly takes notice of the Account they had of His Majesty's Indisposition; and prays for his Preservation. *Act 6, Ass. 1702.*

XVI. A Letter from Her Majesty Queen *Anne*, to the same Effect with *K. William's*; and containing also an Assurance of protecting the Presbyterian Government: Is recorded in *Act 2.* And the Assembly's Answer thereto, congratulating Her Majesty's Accession to the Throne. *Act 3, Ass. 1703.*

XVII. ANOTHER Letter from Her Majesty, in *Act 2.* And the Assembly's Answer thereto; thanking Her Majesty for giving her Royal Assent, in the last Session of

Parliament 1703, to the Act for ratifying the Protestant Religion, and Presbyterian Government of this Church, and for her late gracious and seasonable Letter to her Council, ordering the Redress of Grievances. *Act 3, Ass. 1704.*

XVIII. ANOTHER from the Queen, *Act 2.* And the Assembly's Answer thereto, of the same Purport with the former. *Act 3, Ass. 1705.*

XIX. ANOTHER from Her Majesty, *Act 2.* And the Assembly's Return thereto. *Act 3, Ass. 1706.*

XX. Queen *Anne's* Letter to the Assembly 1707. And the Assembly's Answer thereto, of the same Strain with former Letters. *Acts 2 and 3 of that Assembly.*

XXI. ANOTHER Letter from the Queen to the Assembly 1708, acknowledging her Satisfaction with the Zeal and Affection that the Ministers of this Church did shew to her Person and Government, upon the Appearance of an Invasion by her Enemies. And the Assembly's Answer thereto. *Acts 2 & 3 of that Assembly.*

XXII, XXIII, XXIV, XXV, XXVI, XXVII. THE Queen's Letters to Assemblies 1709, 1710, 1711, 1712, 1713 & 1714. And the Assembly's Answers thereto; are all recorded in the *Acts 2 & 3 of the said Assemblies.*

XXVIII. KING *George's* Letter to the Assembly 1715, being the first Assembly in His Majesty's Reign; wherein he promises, That he will inviolably maintain the Presbyterian Church of *Scotland*, her Rights and Privileges, as he had engaged to do upon his Accession to the Crown; (*See His Majesty's Oath to this Effect, in Oaths*) and will protect her from any illegal Insults and Encroachments being made upon her, of what Kind soever; Is recorded in *Act 2.* And the Assembly's Answer thereto; wherein they thank God for his peaceable Accession to the Throne; They declare their full Acquiescence in the above mentioned solemn Engagement which His Majesty has come under, and their firm Resolution to testify, by all proper Methods, their Zeal for, and Affection to His Majesty, and the Protestant Succession in His Royal Family; stands recorded in *Act 3, Ass. 1715.*

XXIX. THE King's Letter to the Assembly 1716; wherein he thanks the Assembly for their steady Loyalty during the late Rebellion, and assures them again of his unalterable Resolution to maintain the Church of *Scotland*, in the full Enjoyment of all her just Rights and

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Privileges, *As* 2. And the Assembly's dutiful Return thereto. *As* 3 of that Assembly.

XXX. THE King's Letter to the Assembly 1717; wherein he declares his Satisfaction with the constant Zeal and Affection of the Church of *Scotland* to his Person and Government; which neither the Force and Violence of his open Enemies, nor the artful Contrivances of factious and ill-designing Men, have been able to alter: And he assures them of his firm Resolution to promote the Interest, and inviolably to maintain the Rights and Privileges of the Presbyterian Church of *Scotland*, *As* 2, And the Assembly's dutiful Answer thereto. *As* 3, *As*. 1717.

XXXI, XXXII, XXXIII. THE King's Letters to Assemblies 1718, 1719 & 1720. And the Assembly's Answers thereto; are recorded in the *As*s 2 & 3 of the said Assemblies.

## VIII.

### Letter to the Parliament of England.

A Letter from the General Assembly 1646 to the Parliament of *England*, blessing God for the Progress they had made in settling Uniformity in Religion; and entreating them to establish all the Ordinances of *Jesus Christ* in the full Integrity and Power thereof, according to the solemn League and Covenant, professing their Desire to hold fast the Bonds of that Covenant as sacred and inviolable, and promising to themselves the same from that Parliament, is recorded in *Sess. ult.* June 18, *As*. 1646.

## IX.

### Letter to the City of London.

A Letter from the Assembly 1646, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and common Council of the City of *London*, commending their Zeal for the common Cause of Religion, and encouraging them to Stedfastness therein, *Ibid.*

Liberty of Conscience, see *Propositions*, &c.  
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Libraries, see *Highland Boys, &c. Act 6. § 3, 4, 5.*

I. THE Assembly declares their Approbation of the Design and Project set on foot, by some piously enclined Persons, in this and the Neighbour Nation of *England*, for erecting Libraries in the Highlands of this Kingdom, in which good Advances have been made; And appoints a Letter of Thanks to be written to the Society in *England*, for propagating Christian Knowledge, and to others who have given their Concurrence and Assistance in this Matter; and impowers their Commission to apply to the Lords of His Majesty's Privy Council, or Treasury, for their Assistance, in order to bring down the said Books from *England*, and transmitting the same to the Places under-written, at which they are to be fixed in this Kingdom, and to give their best Advice and Assistance for making this Project effectual, and to use their Endeavours for getting a new Impression of the Bible in *Irish*, and renews the Recommendation of the Assembly 1699. *Act 16. Sess. 18.* (which see in *Highlands*) to the Synod of *Argyle*, for translating the Confession of Faith, and *Longer Catechism* in the *Irish* Language, with a Vocabulary of the most necessary and usual Terms in Divinity; And likewise renews the 22d Act of the Assembly 1694. (which see in *Psalms*) concerning the Use of the *Irish* Psalms and *Shorter Catechism. Act 17. Ass. 1704.* This Act also appoints Places, at which the Libraries are to be fixed; but that Appointment is altered by the following Act.

II. ACT dividing the whole Libraries for the Highlands, both Presbyterial and Parochial, as follows, viz. The Presbyterial Libraries (whereof there are Nineteen in all.) Thus, To the Presbytery of *Zetland* one, *Orkney* one, *Caithness* one, *Sutherland* one, *Ross* three, *Inverness* one, *Aberlour* one, *Aberneithy* one, *Strathgogie* and *Fordice* one, *Duneld* one, *Argyle* five, *Dumbarton* one, the odd Presbyterial Library is bestowed on the Synod of *Argyle*, with a special Respect to the remote and large Islands, such as *Lewis*, and that in place of the Distribution made by the former Act 17. 1704. And the parochial Libraries, being in Number fifty eight, are distributed as follows, viz. To *Zetland* two, *Orkney* three, *Caithness* two, *Sutherland* two, *Ross* four, *Inverness* three, *Aberlour* two, *Aber-*

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neithy one, *Alford* one, *Kincardine* two, in the Bounds of the Synod of *Angus* and *Mearns* three, in the Presbytery of *Dunkeld* four, *Auchtermadar* two, *Dumblain* two, *Dumbar-toun* two; and for the Bounds of the Synod of *Argyle* twenty three, and these Parochial Libraries are appointed to be fixed at such Places, as the respective Synods and Presbyteries find most convenient; and a Committee is appointed, for managing the said Libraries in manner mentioned in the Act; and for digesting in order some Presses of Books not methodised and sorted (which are besides the said 77 Libraries) and distributing them to such Places as have most need, with a special Regard to the remote Isles, *Act* 12. *Ass.* 1705.

III. THERE are several Instructions given to the Commission, and particularly, to require an Account from the Committee of Assembly 1705, for managing the said Libraries, how they have distributed the same, and from the Agent how he has obeyed the Orders of that Committee, anent sending of the Libraries and *Irish* Bibles to the respective Places appointed for them, and to call for an Account from the respective Presbyteries, of the Receipt of their Proportions of these Bibles and Libraries, and how they have disposed of them, according to the Order of the Assembly 1705, and their Committee; And Presbyteries are appointed to send these Accounts to the Commission or Committee to be appointed by them for this Affair; and that these Accounts be sent in Writing, subscribed by the Moderator and Clerk of the Presbytery; and the Commission is ordained to take Care, that these Accounts be recorded in a particular Register for that Purpose; and its recommended to the Commission, or their Committee, to distribute eleven Boxes lately come down from *England*, and any Libraries or Books that shall be sent down betwixt and the next Assembly, to such Places of this Church and Nation as have most need, and may best answer the Design of the Donors; And that Commission is also instructed, to enquire into the State of the Highlands and Islands, how they are planted with Ministers, and of the remaining Paganish Customs among them, and of the encrease of Popery, and how they are provided of Schools, what Places most need Help in these Matters, and what Encouragement these may expect, who encline to enter in a Society, for erecting and maintaining Charity-Schools, for educating poor



poor and indigent Children, and all Synods and Presbyteries concerned in the Highlands and Islands, to send their Accounts thereof to the Commission, who are to prepare Overtures thereanent, *Act 18. Ass. 1706.*

IV. 'Tis recommended to such Presbyteries as had not received any of the Books sent from *England*, for making up publick Libraries, to contribute amongst themselves, in order to lay a Foundation for a Library in each Presbytery Seat; And also to endeavour to procure Collections in their several Parishes, less or more for that End; and it's referred to the Commission, to forward the above Recommendation; And Presbyteries who have got a Share of these Libraries, are desired to send Accounts to the Commission of their Receipt of them, where they are fixed, how they have observed the Rules sent with them, and what Improvements they are making of them, and other Things relating to these Libraries enjoined to them by Acts of former Assemblies, and their Commissions, *Act 11. Ass. 1709.*

*Licensing, see Probationers, Overtures. Act 7.*  
*Synod-Books, Act 5. § 7.*

'Tis enacted and declared, that any Persons who shall hereafter receive either Licence or Ordination from any of the late Prelates, or any others not allowed by the Authority of the Church, shall be incapable of Ministerial Communion for the Space of three Years *simpliciter*, and even after that Time, ay and while the Presbytery, to which he shall apply, be satisfied concerning his Repentance, *Act 14. Ass. 1701.*

### *Linning ( Mr. Thomas. )*

*Mr. Thomas Linning, Mr. Alexander Sheils, and Mr. William Boyd*, who have followed some Courses contrary to the Order of this Church, having given in two Papers, the one containing Expressions of their Purpose and Promise of being subject to the Authority of this Church, and the other for Exoneration of their Consciences, after a grave Admonition by the Moderator to walk orderly in Time coming, in Opposition to all Schism and Division; they were unanimously received into the Fellowship of the Church to enjoy the

the Privileges, and perform the Duties therein, whereof they are, or shall be found capable, *Act 5. Ass. 1690.*

**Lists of Absents from the Commission, see Commission, Act 45, and 47.**

**Lists or Rolls of Expectants.**

HIS Majesty having declared and promised by his Declaration, dated at *Whitehall, January 3. 1642.* for the better providing of vacant Kirks, at his Majesty's Presentation, with qualified Ministers, to present one, out of a List of six Persons sent to his Majesty, from the Presbyteries wherein the vacant Kirk lyeth: The Assembly did ordain, That every Presbytery give up yearly to their Synods, a Roll of the ablest of their Expectants, who have undergone due Trials, and after Trials have been upon the publick Exercise, at least, by the Space of half a Year, or longer, as the Presbytery shall find necessary, or even of actual Ministers, and that the Synods select out of these Rolls, such Persons whom they, in certain Knowledge, judge most fit for the Ministry, and worthiest of the first place; And Synods are impowered to add to, or alter these Rolls given by the Presbyteries, as they shall think reasonable, and that Synods send the Rolls made by them in this Manner to the next Assembly, who shall also examine the Rolls of the Synods, and add or alter the same, as shall be thought expedient; which Roll made by the Assembly, shall be sent to every Presbytery; And that the Presbytery, with Consent of the most or best Part of the Congregation, make a List of six Persons willing to accept of the Presentation, out of that Roll of the Assembly, upon every Occasion of Vacation of any Kirk within their Bounds, and shall send the same, together with a blank Presentation, the which (if his Majesty be Patron to the Parish there) shall be sent by the Procurator or Agent of the Kirk, to such as the Commissioners of the General Assembly, or in their absence, the Presbytery of *Edinburgh* shall direct, and think at that time most able and willing to obtain the Presentation to be signed, and filled up by his Majesty's choice of one of the List; and if the vacant  
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Kirk be of a Patronage disposed by his Majesty since the third of January, in that Case, that either the Presbyteries themselves send a List of six Persons in manner foresaid, with a blank Presentation to the Patron, to be filled up by his Choice, or send the same to the said Officers of the Kirk, to be conveyed by them to the Patron of the vacant Kirk, as the Presbytery shall think most expedient; and that Expectants thus presented, be again duly tried before their Admission; and for the better discovering of the Right and Interest of the Kirk, and Presbyteries in Kirks, whereof Gifts of Patronage may be presented to the Exchequer, every Presbytery is ordained, with all diligence, to use all Means of exact Trial of the Nature and Quality of all Kirks within their Bounds; as, what Kirks belong to the King's Patronage, and what to other Laick Patronages, what Kirks of old were planted by Presbyteries, and what by Prelates and Bishops before the Assembly at Glasgow, in 1638; what hath been the Way and Time of the Change of the planting and providing of the Kirks, if any have been changed, or any other Thing concerning the Nature and Quality of every Kirk within their Bounds, and to send the same to the Procurator of the Kirk with all diligence (see the Act it self more fully) in *Ses. 7. Aug. 3. Ass. 1642.* This Act is as to Lowland Kirks, but in the Highlands, because of the Paucity of Expectants, who have the *Irish* Language, his Majesty is entreated to accept of a List of so many Expectants as can be had, able to speak that Language, which the King's Commissioner promised to recommend to his Majesty, *Ibid.*

II. IN Respect of the Difficulty of obtaining six able and well qualified Persons to be put into a List to his Majesty, for every vaiking Kirk, at his Majesty's Presentation, 'tis recommended to his Majesty's Commissioner, and undertaken by him to represent to his Majesty; That it is the Assemblies humble Desire, that he would be pleased to accept of three, for Kirks in the Lowlands, and of any one qualified Man, having the *Irish* Language, for Kirks vaiking in the Highlands; And 'tis recommended to every Presbytery, to advise upon the best Ways and Means, for providing and planting of vacant Kirks, that all Occasions of Contentts, and Differences amongst Patrons, Presbyteries, and Parishes, might



might be removed, and Report to the next Assembly  
*Ses. ult. Aug. 19. Aff. 1643.*

**Lists of Papists, see Papists, Acts 1, 3. § 5.**

**Act 4. § 1. Act 11, 13, 15.**

**Lists of Witnesses, see Witnesses.**

**Lochaber, see Lorn.**

**Logick, see Colleges, Act 1. § 3.**

**London, see Letter, Head 9.**

**Lord's Day, see Mercats, Sabbath.**

I. ALL Acts made against Salmond-Fishing on the Sabbath, or against any other Labour on the Lord's Day, declared not only to be against Servants who actually Work, but the same are also extended against Masters, whose hired Servants they are, *Act & S. 11. Aug. 14. Aff. 1643.*

II. ALL Skippers and Sailors discharged and inhibited to begin any Voyage on the Lord's Day, or to louse any Ships, Barks, or Boats out of Harbours or Roads, upon that Day, and who shall do in the contrary thereof, shall be censured as profaners of the Sabbath; and it's recommended to Presbyteries and others whom it may concern, to see both the Acts of Assembly and Parliament made for censuring and punishing Prophanation of the Lord's Day to be put in Execution against them, *Ses. ult. June 18. Aff. 1646.*

III. All the Brethren of the Ministry, and other Officers of the Church are, in the fear of God, earnestly exhorted to contribute their utmost Endeavours, in their Stations, for suppressing the gross Prophanation of the Lord's Day, by idle vagueing, unnecessary travelling, and otherwise, by a vigorous and impartial, yet prudent Exercise of the Discipline of the Church, and by holding Hand to the Execution of the laudable Laws of the Nation, against the Guilty, in such Way and Manner, as is allowed and required by Law; and it's recommended to the Commission to Address the Lords of Privy Council, to give such Orders, and to take such Courses for restraining these Abuses, as they in their Wisdom shall judge most effectual, *Act 9. Aff.*

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IV. EACH Presbytery within this Church is appointed to nominate two or three of their Number, to attend the Lords Commissioners of Justiciary, at their first Circuit that falls to be in their Bounds, and represent to them the Prophanation of the *Lord's-Day*, by travelling thereupon, carrying Goods, driving Cattle, and other Abuses; And the Assembly seriously recommends to the said Lords, to take such effectual Courses, as in their Wisdom they shall think fit, to restrain and punish the foresaid Abuses, which will be a singular Service done to GOD and his Church; And all Ministers are enjoined, from their Pulpits, to advise their People among whom such Practices are, of the great hazard their immortal Souls are in by such Courses; and that, if they continue therein, there will be a Necessity to represent to the Lords Justices all transgressors of the Laws made against profaning of the Sabbath, and warn them to abstain therefrom in time coming; And all Ministers and Church Judicatures are enjoined to take care, that former Acts of Assembly made against breach of the *Lord's-Day*, may be observed, and not only to proceed with Ecclesiastical Censures, but apply to the Justices of the Peace in their Bounds, and other Magistrates for putting in Execution the good Laws already made against the breach of the Sabbath, and other Immoralities, *Act 12. Ass. 1708,*

**Lord's-Supper and Table,** see *Articles of Perth, Scandals, &c. Act 4. Profaneness, Act 1. Act 3. § 5, Unity, &c. Act 3.*

I. AN Overture for renewing the *Act 25. Dec. 1562, Sess. 5.* touching the more frequent Administration of the *Lord's-Supper*, both in Cities and Landward; and that some Course be taken for furnishing of the Elements, where the Minister of the Parish hath Allowance, only for once in the Year, is referred to the Consideration of Presbyteries; And it's declared, that the Charges be rather paid out of that Days Collection, than that the Congregation want the more frequent Use of the Sacrament, *Sess. 23. & 24. Dec. 17. & 18. Ass. 1638. Act. 12.*

II. 'TIS Statute, 1700, That in the Administration of the *Lord's Supper*, Congregations be still tried and examined

administered before the Communion, according to the by-gone Practice of this Kirk, 2<sup>do</sup>, That there be no Reading in time of Communicating, but the Minister making a short Exhortation at every Table, that thereafter there be Silence during the time of the Communicants receiving, excepting only when the Minister expresseth some few short Sentences, suitable to the present Condition of the Communicants in the receiving, that they may be incited and quickned in their Meditations in the Action. 3<sup>io</sup>, That Distribution of the Elements among the Communicants be universally used, and for that Effect, that the Bread be so prepared, that the Communicants may divide it amongst themselves, after the Minister hath broken and delivered it to the nearest. 4<sup>to</sup>, That while the Tables are dissolving and filling, there be always singing of some Portion of a Psalm, according to the Custom. 5<sup>to</sup>, That the Communicants, both before their going to and after coming from the Table, shall only join themselves to the present publick Exercise then in hand. 6<sup>to</sup>, That when the Communion is to be celebrated in a Parish, one Minister may be employed for assisting the Minister of the Parish, or at the most Two. 7<sup>mo</sup>, That there be one Sermon of Preparation delivered in the ordinary Place of Publick Worship, upon the Day immediately preceding. 8<sup>vo</sup>, That before the serving of the Tables, there be only one Sermon delivered to those who are to Communicate, and that in the Kirk where the Service is to be performed; and that in the same Kirk, there be one Sermon of Thanksgiving after the Communion is ended. 9<sup>no</sup>, When the Parishioners are so Numerous, that their Parish Kirk cannot contain them, so that there is a Necessity to keep out such of the Parish as cannot conveniently have Place, that in that Case, the Brother who assists the Minister of the Parish, may be ready, if need be, to give a Word of Exhortation, in some convenient Place appointed for that Purpose, to those of the Parish who that Day are not to Communicate, which must not be begun until the Sermon delivered in the Kirk be concluded. 10<sup>mo</sup>, That of these who are present in the Kirk where the Communion is celebrated, none be permitted to go forth while the whole Tables be served, and the Blessing pronounced, unless it be for more commodious Order, and in other Cases of Necessity. 11<sup>mo</sup>, That the Minister who cometh to assist



assist, have a special care to provide his own Parish, lest otherwise while he is about to Minister Comfort to others, his own Flock be left destitute of preaching, &c. That none coming from another Parish shall be admitted to the Communion without a Testimonial from their own Minister; and no Minister shall refuse a Testimonial to any of his Parish who communicate ordinarily at their own Parish Kirk, and are without Scandal in their Life for the time; but this is noways to prejudge any honest Person who occasionally is in the Place where the Communion is celebrate, or such as by Death or absence of their own Minister, could not have a Testimonial, *Sec. 14. Feb. 7. Ass. 1645.* The Act is the Opinion of the Committee for keeping the greater Uniformity in this Kirk, &c.

III. 'Tis recommended to Presbyteries to take care, that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be more frequently administrate within their Bounds, and that the Number of Ministers to serve thereat be restricted; so that Neighbouring Churches be not thereby cast desolate on the Lord's Day, *Act 19. Ass. 1701.*

IV. 'Tis recommended to the several Ministers within this National Church, to take as strict a Trial as can be of such as they admit to the Lord's Supper, especially, before their first Admission thereto, and that they diligently instruct them, particularly, as to the Covenant of Grace, and the Nature and End of that Ordinance, as a Seal thereof, and charge upon their Consciences the Obligations they ly under from their Baptisnal Covenant, and seriously exhort them to renew the same, *Act 11. Ass. 1706.*

V. 'Tis recommended to Presbyteries, to do what they can to get it so ordered, that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be duly observed in their Bounds through the several Months of the Year, *Act 6. Ass. 1711.*

VI. ALL Presbyteries are enjoined to enquire, if the Acts appointing the frequent Celebration of the Lord's Supper be duly observed by all the Brethren, and in case any Minister neglect to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in his Parish for a whole Year, the Presbytery is to call for an Account of the Reasons of his Omission, and to approve or disapprove of the same as they shall see Cause, and to record their Diligence in this Matter; and Synods are enjoined at their several Meetings to enquire at Presbyteries what Care they have taken

taken to execute the said Acts, and other Recommendations of Assemblies in this behalf, and to Record their Diligence in their Books, *As 11. Ass. 1712.*

### Lorn Presbytery.

THREE Ministers from the Lowlands, and as many from the Synod of *Argyle*, are Commissionated to join with the Presbytery of *Lorn* to perambulate *Lochaber*, and other Parishes in the Bounds of the said Presbytery, and discourse with the Heritors and Inhabitants concerning new Erections of Churches in that Country, and Settlement of Schools therein, and to endeavour to get Places condescended on for that Effect, and to obtain in writ the Consent of Heritors, and also for preaching the Gospel, visiting Families, and doing other Ministerial Duties in the said Country, *As 15. Ass. 1712.*

*Lowlands*, see *Irish Bursars*, &c. *Act 2.*

*Loyalty*, see *Universities*, *Act 5. Declaration*, *Act 3. Act 5. § 2. 6. Act 6, 7. Exhortation*, *Letter Head 7. Act 5. &c. Supplication*, *Act 4.*

### Lykewakes.

I. ALL Lykewakes are discharged, and Presbyteries are appointed to take special care for trying and censuring the Transgressors of that Act in their several Bounds, *Ses. 18. Feb. 12. Ass. 1645.*

II. THE foresaid Act 1645, against Lykewakes, as also the Act of the said Assembly for restraining Abuses at Penny-Bridals, which see in P. And likewise the Act of the General Assembly 1649, discharging promiscuous Dancing (which see in Dancing) are revived, and the said Acts appointed to be read in Churches before the Congregation, and Synods to enquire at Presbyteries concerning their Diligence, anent the Observation of the said Acts; And its recommended to Presbyteries, to have their Thoughts upon what further may be necessary for suppressing and perverting Abuses at such Occasions, and give their Opinion there-

thereafter to the then next Assembly: *Act* 20: *Ass.* 1701.

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*MacKenzie*, (*Mr. Colin*) see *Discipline*, *Act* 9.

*Macmillan*, (*Mr. John*) see *Separatists*, *Schism*, *Act* 1.

*Macneil*, (*Mr. John*) see *Separatists*, *Schism*, *Act* 2.

*Magistrates and their Duty*, see *Propositions*, &c. § 8.

*Maintenance of Ministers*, see *Old Ministers*, *Stipends*, *Kirks*, *Act* 1.

*Malignant Persons*, see *Scandals*, &c. *Act* 1.

*Mantles* see *Gleibs*.

*Marriage*, see *Proclamation of Banns*, *Overtures*, *Act* 2. *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Ecclesiastick Remedy* 3. *Clandestine Marriage*. *Separatists*.

I. **A**N Overture, That Course may be taken for restraining of People from passing to England to marry, as being the Occasion of great Inconveniencies, is allowed, and recommended to the Parliament, That they would appoint a pecunial Sum to be payed by the Contraveeners. *Act* 22, Aug 29, *Ass.* 1639. *Art.* 2.

II. The Celebration of Marriage, without due Proclamation of Banns, according to Order, three several Sabbaths in the respective Parishes, is discharged; And tis recommended to Presbyteries, to censure the Contraveeners. *Act* 7, *Ass.* 1690, § 3.

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containing with Papists, see Papists, Act 5.  
Marrow of Modern Divinity.

SOME Passages are collected out of the Book, entitled, *The Marrow of Modern Divinity*. 1mo. Concerning the Nature of Faith, asserting, That Assurance is of the Essence of Faith; making that saving Faith commanded in the Gospel, a Man's Perswasion; That *Christ* is his, and died for him; and that whoever hath not this Perswasion and Assurance, hath not answered the Gospel-call, nor is a true Believer. 2do. Of universal Atonement and Pardon; asserting, an universal Redemption as to Purchase. 3tio. Asserting that Holiness is not necessary to Salvation; Which Doctrine tends to slacken People's Diligence in the Study of Holiness. 4to. That Fear of Punishment and Hope of Reward, are not allowed to be Motives of a Believer's Obedience, 5to. That the Believer is not under the Law as a Rule of Life; and sensing and defending the six following *Antinomian* Paradoxes; 1mo. That a Believer is not under the Law, but is altogether delivered from it. 2do. That a Believer doth nor commit Sin. 3tio. That the Lord can see no Sin in a Believer. 4to. That the Lord is not angry with a Believer for his Sins. 5to. That the Lord doth not chastise a Believer for his Sins. And 6to. That a Believer hath no Cause neither to confess his Sins, nor to crave Pardon at the Hand of God for them; neither to fast nor mourn, nor humble himself before the Lord for them; by applying to them, the Distinction of the Law of Works, and the Law of *Christ*: And the Texts of holy Scripture, Articles of our Confession of Faith, and of the Larger Catechism of this Church, relating to each Passage, are set down; and the said Passages and Quotations are declared contrary thereto; and the Distinction of the Law, as it is the Law of Works, and as it is the Law of *Christ*, as the Author applies it, in order to sense and defend the six *Antinomian* Paradoxes above written, is declared altogether groundless; and some Expressions taken out of the said Book, and set down in the foresaid Act, are found exceeding harsh and offensive: And therefore, all the Ministers of this Church are prohibited and discharged, either by Preaching, Writing or Printing, to recommend the said Book, or, in Discourse to say any thing in favour of it: But on the contrary, are enjoined and required, to warn and exhort their People in whose Hands the said Book

was, or might come, not to read or use the same. *Act 3, Ass. 1720.*

**Masters**, see *Lord's Day, Act 1.*

**Masters of Colleges**, see *Schools, Act 4.*

**Memoial**, see *Grievances of the Church.*

### **Mercats.**

**I. AN Overture** for preventing the Prophanation of the Lord's Day, occasioned by the holding of Markets within Burghs on *Monday* and *Saturday*; by recommending to the Burghs, to take care for restraining of this Abuse, and find out some Way for repressing of this Evil, and changing of the Day; Is referred to the Consideration of the Burrows, by *sess. 23 and 24 Decem. 17 and 18. Ass. 1638. Art. 14.*

**II. APPLICATION** appointed to be made to the Parliament, for altering all Mercats in the Royal Burrows, and other Places, on *Saturdays* and *Mondays.* *Act 7, Ass. 1690, § 5.*

**Mearns**, see *Angus and Mearns.*

**Middleber Presbytery**, see *Commission of Assembly, &c. Act 24.*

**Hills**, see *Sabbath, Act 2.*

**Ministers**, see *Residence of Ministers, Presbyteries, Act 3. Intrants, Expectants, Old Ministers, Names of Ministers, Ireland, Worship secret, &c. Worship publick, Silence of Ministers, Excommunication, Act 3. Election of Ministers, Orders of the Church, Confession of Faith, Act 7, 8, 9. Removing out of this Church, Sentences against Ministers, Irregularities, Irish Language, Probationers, Widows, Papists, Act 6, Act 8, § 3, 4. Act 11, 12, 15, 16.*

**THE Act** of Assembly holden at *Edinburgh, March 26 1696, Ass. 7*, anent the Entry and Conversation of Ministers,

Acts, ratified, and ordain'd to be put in Execution in every Presbytery; and for that End, Copies thereof ordered to be given to each Presbytery, under the Clerk's Hands, the Substance whereof is as follows: first, to prevent

*Corruptions in the Office of the Ministry:*

'Tis ordained, That in Time coming, more diligent Inquisition and Trial be made, of all such Persons as shall enter into the Ministry; as specially these Points, 1mo: That the Intraunt shall be posed upon his Conscience, before the Great G O D, and that in most grave Manner, what moveth him to accept of the Office and Charge of the Ministry upon him. 2da. That it be enquired, if any, by Solicitation or Moyen, directly or indirectly, press to enter to the said Office; and if it be found, that the Soliciter be repelled, and that the Presbyteries repel all such of their Number from voting in the Election or Admission, as shall be found Moyeners for the Soliciter, and posed upon their Conscience to declare the Truth to that Effect. 3rdo. 'Tis ordained, That none seek Presentations to Benefices, without Advice of the Presbytery within the Bounds whereof the Benefice is; And if any do in the contrary, that they be repelled, as *Rei. ambitiosi*. 4to. That the Trial of Persons to be admitted to the Ministry thereafter, consist not only in their Learning and Ability to preach; but also in Conscience and Feeling, and Spiritual Wisdom; and namely in the Knowledge of the Bounds of their Calling, in Doctrine Discipline Wisdom to behave himself accordingly with the divers Ranks of Persons within his Flock; as namely, with Atheists, Rebels, weak Consciences, and such other where the Pastoral Charge is most kythed; and that he be meet to stop the Mouths of the Adversaries; and such as are not qualified in these Points, to be delayed till further Trial, and while they be found qualified. And 'tis recommended, that the principal Places of the Realm be provided by them, of most worthy Gifts Wisdom and Experience; and that none take the Charge of greater Numbers of People, nor they are able to discharge; and an Act of the Provincial Synod of Lothian, made at Linlithgow, to this Purpose, is approved. 5to. That such, as shall be found not given to their Book, and Study of the Scriptures, nor careful to have Books, nor given to Sanctification and Prayer; that study not to be powerful and



spiritual, not applying the Doctrine to Corruptions which is the Pastoral Gift; obscure, and too scholastick before the People; cold, and wanting of spiritual Zeal; negligent in visiting of the Sick, and caring for the Poor; or indiscreet in choosing Parts of the Word, not meetest for the Flock; Flatterers, and dissembling at publick Sins, and specially of great Personages in their Congregations, for Flattery, or for Fear: That all such Persons be censured, according to the Degree of their Faults; and continuing therein, be deprived. *6<sup>to</sup>*. That such as be slothful in Administration of the Sacraments, and irreverent, as Prophaners, receiving the Clean and Unclean, Ignorants and Senseless; prophane, and making no Conscience of their Profession in their Calling and Families; omitting due Trial, or using none, or light Trial; having Respect, in their Trial, to Persons wherein there is manifest Corruption: That all such be sharply rebuked; and if they continue therein, that they be deposed. *7<sup>imo</sup>*. If any be found a Seller of the Sacraments, that he be deposed *simpliciter*; and such as collude with slanderous Persons, in dispensing and overseeing them for Money, incur the like Punishment. *8<sup>avo</sup>*. That every Minister be charged to have a Session established, of the meetest Men in his Congregation; and that Discipline strike not only upon gross Sins, as Whoredom and Bloodshed; but upon Sins repugnant to the Word of God, as Blasphemy of God, Banning, Prophaning of the Sabbath, Disobedient to Parents, idle and unruly ones without Calling, Drunkards, and such like debauched Men, as make not Conscience of their Life, and ruling of their Families, and especially, of Education of their Children; lying, slandering and backbiting, and breaking of Promises: And this to be an universal Order throughout the Realm, &c. And suchlike as are negligent herein, and continue therein after Admonition, be deposed. *9<sup>no</sup>*. That none, falling in publick Slanders, be received in Fellowship of the Kirk, except his Minister have some Appearance, and Warrant in Conscience, that he hath both a Feeling of Sin. and Apprehension of Mercy; and for this effect, that Ministers travail with him, by Doctrine and private Instruction, to bring him hereto; and especially, in the Doctrine of Repentance; which being neglected, the publick Place of Repentance is turned into a Mocking. *10<sup>mo</sup>*. Dilapidation of Benefices, dimitting of them for Favour or Money, that they become laick Patronages, without Ad-  
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vice of the Kirk; and suchlike, interchanging of Benefices by Transaction, and transporting of themselves, by that Occasion, without the Knowledge of the Kirk; precisely to be punished: Suchlike, That setting of Tacks, without Consent of the Assembly, be punished according to the Acts; and that the Dimitters in favours, for Money, or otherwise, to the Effect above written, be punished as the Dilapidators. *Secondly.* To prevent

*Corruptions in the Persons and Lives of Ministers.*

'Tis ordained, 1<sup>mo</sup>. That such as are light and wanton in their Behaviour; as, in gorgeous and light Apparel, in Speech, in using light and prophane Company; unlawful Gaming, as Dancing, Carding, Dicing, and suchlike, not becoming the Gravity of a Pastor, be sharply and gravely rebuked by the Presbytery, according to the Degree thereof; and continuing therein after due Admonition, that he be deprived, as slanderous to the Gospel. 2<sup>do</sup>. That Ministers, being found Swearers or Banners, Prophaners of the Sabbath, Drunkards, Fighters, guilty of all these, or any of them, be deposed *simpliciter*. And suchlike, Liars, Detractors, Flatterers, Breakers of Promise, Brawlers and Quarrellers, after Admonition, continuing therein, incur the same Punishment. 3<sup>tio</sup>. That Ministers, given to unlawful and incompetent Trades and Occupations, for filthy Gain, as holding of Hostlaries, taking of Ocker beside Conscience and good Laws, and bearing worldly Offices in Noblemen and Gentlemens Houses, Merchandise, and such like, buying of Victual, and keeping it to the Dearth; and all such worldly Occupations, as may distract them from their Charge, and may be slanderous to the Pastoral Calling; be admonished, and brought to the acknowledging of their Sins: And if they continue therein, to be deposed. 4<sup>to</sup>. That Ministers non-resident at their Flocks, be deposed, according to the Acts of the General Assembly, and Laws of the Realm; otherwise, that the Burden be laid on the Presbyteries, and they to be censured therefore. 5<sup>to</sup>. That Ministers await not on the Court, and Affairs thereof, without the Advice and Allowance of their Presbyteries: *Item*, That they intent no Action civil, without the said Advice, except in small Matters; and that for remedying of the Necessity that some Ministers have to enter in Plea

of Law; that Remedy be craved, that short Process be devised, to be used in Ministers Actions. 6<sup>th</sup>. That Ministers take special Care, in using godly Exercises in their Families, in teaching of their Wives, Children and Servants, in using ordinary Prayers, and reading of Scriptures, in removing of offensive Persons out of their Families; and suchlike other Points of godly Conversation and good Example; and that they, at the Visitation of their Kirks, try the Ministers Families in these Points aforesaid; and such as are found negligent in these Points, after due Admonition, shall be judged unfit to govern the House of God, according to the Rule of the Apostle. 7<sup>th</sup>. That Ministers, in all Companies, strive to be spiritual and profitable, and to talk of Things pertaining to Godliness; as namely; such as may strengthen them in Christ, instruct them in their Calling; of the Means how to have Christ's Kingdom better established in their Congregations, and to know how the Gospel flourisheth in their Flocks; and suchlike others, the Hinderances and Remedies that they find, &c. wherein there are manifold Corruptions, both in Ministers companying with themselves, and with others; and that the Contraveeners thereof be tried, and sharply rebuked. 8<sup>th</sup>. That no Minister be found to countenance, procure, or assist a publick Offender, challenged by his own Minister for his publick Offence; or to bear with him, as though his Minister were too severe upon him, under the Pain of Admonition and Rebuking. And Lastly, That all Acts made ament keeping of the Assemblies, be observed. *Act Sess. 23 & 24 Decem. 17 & 18, Aft. 1638, Art. 9.*

II. A full Acknowledgment and Narration of the Enmities and Corruptions observed in the Ministry; the first and main Sin, reaching both to their personal Carriage and Callings, is judged to be, Not studying how to keep Communion and Fellowship with God in Christ; and more particularly,

### *Enormities and Corruptions of Ministers in their Lives.*

1<sup>mo</sup> MUCH fruitless Conversing in Company. 2<sup>do</sup>. Great Worldliness. 3<sup>do</sup>. Slighting of God's Worship in their Families. 4<sup>th</sup>. Want of Gravity in their own Wives and Childrens Carriage and Apparell. 5<sup>th</sup>. Tippling and bear-



hearing Company in untimorous Drinking. 6<sup>to</sup>. Discour-  
tenancing and speaking ill of the Godly. 7<sup>time</sup>. Not fan-  
cifying of the Sabbath after Sermons. 8<sup>ave</sup>. Using small  
minced Oaths. 9<sup>no</sup>. Being great Strangers to, and little  
conversant in the Scriptures. Next,

*In their Callings.*

As, 1<sup>mo</sup>. Corrupt Entry to the Ministry, and entering  
thereto, as to a Way of Living in the World, and not as  
to a Spiritual Calling. 2<sup>do</sup>. Helping in, and holding in  
insufficient and suspected men; and keeping the Door  
straiter upon these whom God hath sealed, than upon  
these who have less Evidence of the Power of Grace and  
Holiness. 3<sup>io</sup>. Partiality in Favouring and speaking for  
the Scandalous, whether Ministers or others; teaching  
them how to shift and delay Censures. 4<sup>to</sup>. A silence in  
the publick Cause. 5<sup>to</sup>. Speaking ambiguously, and ju-  
stifying of the wicked Cause; complaining of the Times  
upon the publick Account, and speaking against publick  
Orders. 6<sup>to</sup>. Idleness in the Duties of their Ministry,  
7<sup>time</sup>. Want of Zeal and Love to the Conversion of Souls;  
preaching *ex officio*, not *ex conscientia officii*. 8<sup>ave</sup>. Self-seek-  
ing in preaching. 9<sup>no</sup>. Lifelessness in Preaching, not ap-  
plying the Doctrine to the Auditory and Times. 10<sup>mo</sup>.  
Indiscreet Curing of the Indiscretion of pious People and  
Ministers. 11<sup>mo</sup>. Little Care to furnish the Armies, both  
at Home and Abroad, with Ministers. 12<sup>mo</sup>. Neglect of  
secret Wrestling in Prayer, for a Blessing on their La-  
bours.

THESE Enormities are ordained to be tried and re-  
strained; and for that Purpose, the Remedies following  
to be seriously followed and practised: And 'tis recom-  
mended, especially to Presbyteries and Provincial Assem-  
blies, to make use of the same, in Visitation of Kirks, and  
Trial of Presbyteries,

*Remedies of the Enormities and Corruptions of  
Ministers.*

1<sup>mo</sup>. THAT Presbyteries make great Conscience to  
have all vacant Places within their several Bounds, fill'd  
with godly and able Men, wherever they be to be  
found; and that, under Pretence of being an Helper or

Second to another, none be taken in, but such as are able for the same Charge. 2do. That Brethren be more serious and faithful in their private Trials in Presbyteries, as they will be answerable to *Christ*, the Chief Shepherd; and, in a Way previous thereto, that Brethren be free, in loving Admonition one of another, secretly, from Time to Time: And that whosoever keeps not the Presbytery or Synod, after grave Admonition, may come under farther Censures. 3tio. That Accuracy be used at Visitation of Kirks; and that the Elders, one by one (the rest being removed) be call'd in, and examined upon Oath, upon the Minister's Behaviour in his Calling and Conversation. 4to. That Course be taken to divide Congregations in Parts; and by the Help, not only of Elders in their several Parts, but of Neighbours also, the Evils and Neglects of Persons and Families may be found out, and remedied. 5to. That every Minister be humbled for his former Failings, and make his Peace with God; that the more effectually he may preach Repentance, and may stand in the Gap, to turn away the Lord's Wrath, running betwixt the Porch and the Altar, sighing and crying for all the Abominations of the Land. 6to. That special Care be had, that all Ministers have their Conversation in Heaven, mainly minding the Things of God; and exercising Faith, for drawing Life out of *Jesus Christ*, the Fountain of Life; arming themselves thereby, with Power against the Contagion and Wickedness of the World. 7timo. That Care be had of godly Conference in Presbyteries, even in the Time of their Refreshment: And the Moderator is to look to it, that good Matter be furnished thereto. 8avo. That every Minister bring Home the Word of God to his own Heart and Conscience, by Prayer and Meditation, both before and after the publick Ordinance. 9mo. That use be made of the Roll of the Parish, not only for Examination, but also for considering the several Conditions and Dispositions of the People, that accordingly they may be admonished, and particularly prayed for by the Minister in secret. 10mo. That Ministers have more Communion among themselves for their mutual stirring up, and strengthening of their Hands in the Lord's Work, and rectifying of these who are not corrigible. 11mo. That Ministers in all sorts of Company, labour to be fruitful as the Salt of the Earth, seasoning them they meet with, not only forbearing to drink Healths (Satans Snare leading to Excess) but re-  
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Proving it in others. 12mo. That all Ministers be careful to cherish the smoking Flax of weak Beginnings in the Ways of God, and courageously oppose all Mockers, and Revilers of the Godly. 13tio. That Ministers, with all Diligence and Faithfulness, improve their Ministry to the utmost, be instant in Season and out of Season, and frugally imploy their Time in private, in reading of, and Meditation on the Scriptures, that the Word of God may dwell plentifully in them. 14to. That providing of the Army with Ministers, be preferred to any Congregation, and that those who are appointed to attend the same, and are deficient, be without delay severely censured, according to the *Act Sef. 6. June 3. Ass. 1644.* And that all Ministers in publick and private pray for the Armies, that their Lives being reformed, their Hearts and Hands may be strengthened, and their Undertakings at last blessed of God with Success. 15to. That besides all other Scandals, silence or ambiguous speaking in the publick Cause, much more detracting and disaffected speaking be seasonably censured; and to this Effect, that honest hearted Brethren do firmly unite themselves in the Lord, the younger honouring the elder, and the elder not despising the younger. 16to. Both for Corruptions of the Ministry, and Remedies thereof, Brethren are referred to the forementioned Act of Assembly 1596, revived, as said is, by the Act 1638, above insert. See *Sef. 10. June 13. Ass. 1646.*

III. It's recommended to all the Presbyteries of this Church, to proceed in all Processes against Ministers with all due Circumspection and Prudence, and that they consult their respective Synods, or in case of urgent Necessity, the Commission of the Assembly, and it is required, that no Judicatory of the Church do take Advantage to Censure any Minister whatsoever for not having qualified himself in the Terms of the Act of Parliament 1693, Entituled, *Act for settling the Peace and Quiet of the Church, Act 12. Ass. 1694.* *Nota,* This Act was only to endure till the second Wednesday of April 1695, or the Meeting of the next Assembly, which of them first happened.

IV. MINISTERS are not liable to the Censures of Kirk-Sessions, but to the Superior Judicatories of the Church. *From Proc. Cap. 1. § 7. Act 11. Ass. 1707.*

V. ALL Processes against any Minister are to begin before his Presbytery, and not before his own Session.

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*Form Proc. Cap. 7. § 1. Act 11. Ass. 1707.* No Stain upon a Minister's Credit and Reputation, Doctrine or Conversation, ought lightly to be received, or negligently enquired into when it comes before a Judicatory, nor slightly censured when found evident, *Ibid. § 2.* The Presbytery should exactly ponder by whose Information and Complaint a Scandal in a Minister comes first before them, and they are not to cite a Minister, or any way to begin the Process, until first some Person sign the Complaint, and give some Account of its Probability, and undertake to make out the Libel; Or, at least, *Ido.* Do, before the Presbytery, undertake to make it out, under the pain of being censured as Slanderers. Or *Ido.* That the *Fama Clamosa* be so great, that the Presbytery for their own Vindication, begin the Process without any particular Accuser, *Ibid. § 3.* No Christian ought either to publish, or spread a Scandal in a Minister, nor accuse him before the Presbytery, without first acquainting himself, if they can have access thereto; and then, if need be, some of the most prudent of the Ministers and Elders of that Presbytery, their Advice got in the Affair, *Ibid. § 4.* If there be Ground for a Process, the Presbytery should first consider the Libel, and then order him to be cited, and get a full Copy thereof, with a List of the Witnesses Names, and a formal Citation in writ is to be made, either Personally, or at his Dwelling-house, bearing its Date, and the Names of the Witnesses to the giving thereof; and there should be at least ten free Days betwixt the giving of the Citation, and the Day of Compearance, the Execution bearing its Date with the Names and Designations of the Witnesses should be made in Writ, and signed by the Officer and Witnesses; and the same being returned, the Minister is to be called, and if he compear, the Libel is to be read to him, and if he have any Answers to it in Writing, they may be read and considered; and if the Presbytery find the Libel relevant, and that there is Cause to insist, they are to endeavour to bring him to a Confession, and if he confess Matters of a scandalous Nature censurable in others, the Presbytery, whatever be the Nature of his Penitence, tho' to the Conviction of all, are *instante* to depose him *ab officio*, and appoint him to appear before the Congregation where the Scandal was given; and in his own Peril, for removing the Offence by a publick

publick Profession of Repentence, *Ibid.* § 5. If the Minister absent himself, by leaving of the Place, and be Contumacious without a relevant Excuse after a new publick Citation, or Intimation at his own Church, when the Congregation is met, he is to be holden as Confest. and to be deposed and censured *instanter* with the Lesser Excommunication; but, if after some Time he do not return and Subject himself, he may be proceeded against, until he be censured with the Greater Excommunication, if the Judicatures see Cause, *Ibid.* § 6. If he appear and deny the Fact after the Relevancy is found, the Presbytery proceeding to Probation, and to find the Truth of the Matter, all the Circumstances are to be exactly canvassed, and the accused heard to object against the Witnesses: As also, he should be allowed to be present at the Examination, and modestly to Cross-interrogate, and then the Reputation of the Witnesses, and their Hability duly regarded, and the Examination considered: If after Consideration of all these, the Judicatures shall find the Scandal sufficiently proven, they are to proceed to Censure, as in § 5. above *Ibid.* § 7. If the Matter laid to the Minister's charge be Practices subversive of the Unity and Peace of the Church, Unsoundness and Herodoxy in Doctrine, then great Caution would be used, and the Knowledge and Understanding of the Witnesses much look'd into, and if the Errors be not gross and striking at the Vitals of Religion, or, if they be not pertinaciously stuck unto, or industriously spread with a visible Design to corrupt, and that the Errors are not spreading among the People; then Lenitives, Admonitions, Instructions. and frequent Conferences are to be tried, and the Advice of other Presbyteries sought, and unless the Thing be doing much hurt, so as it admits of no delay, the Synod or General Assembly may be advised with, and this intimate to the Minister concerned, *Ibid.* § 8. If the Complaint be of a Multitude of smaller Things laid together, as several Acts of Negligence, or other unsuitable Actions, a Visitation of the Parish is to be made, at which its first to be tried, if any of the Things now charged, were committed prior to the last Visitation, and if they were then laid to the Ministers charge, and if they were not, it is to be tried, how they come to be laid to his Charge now, *Ibid.* § 9. If the Presbytery find the Things

Things committed since the last Visitation, or find a satisfying Reason why they were not then tabled; they are to enquire, what Diligence has been used in acquainting the Minister of the Offence taken at those Things when first committed; and how far he has been guilty, after he knew Offence to be taken, and if the Complainer did first, in a prudent private way, inform any of the Neighbour Ministers of the Things committed by the Minister, before the Offences came to be so many as to merit a publick and solemn Trial, and accordingly they are to judge, *Ibid.* § 10, 11. If the Presbytery find the Things complained of to be but Acts of Infirmary or Passion, which may either be amended, and the People satisfied, and no such Offence taken; or at least, not to remain, so as to hinder the Minister's profiting the People, or that the Offence was taken by his own People only, or mainly; then the Presbytery is to take all prudent Ways to satisfy and reclaim both Ministers and People, and do away the Offence, *Ibid.* § 12. Before a deposed Minister be restored, there would be not only convincing Evidences, of deep Sorrow for Sin, but an eminent, and exemplary humble Walk, and edifying Conversation, so apparent and convincing, as hath worn out, and healed the Wound the Scandal gave, *Ibid.* § 13. Immediately on the Minister's being deposed, the Sentence is to be intimated in the Congregation, and the Church declared vacant, and the planting thereof hastned, and never delayed on Expectation of his being reponed, *Ibid.* § 14.

VI. THE several Synods and Presbyteries are appointed, to send Accounts from Time to Time, to the Clerk of the Assembly, of all Ministers, who are, or shall be deposed, or suspended, and Probationers, who are, or shall be licensed by them, and the Clerk is ordered to lay the same before the Assembly or Commission, at their first Meeting, after it comes to his Hand, that due and proper Methods may be used to make the same publickly known to all concerned, *Act* 15. *Ass.* 1709.

VII. QUESTIONS to be put to Ministers at their Ordination, are, *1mo.* Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, and the only Rule of Faith and Manners? *2do.* Do you sincerely own and believe the whole Doctrine contained in the Confession of Faith, approved by the General Assemblies of this Church, and ratified by Law in the Year



Year 1690, to be founded upon the Word of God? And do you acknowledge the same as the Confession of your Faith; and will you firmly and constantly adhere thereto, and to the utmost of your Power assert, maintain, and defend the same, and the Purity of Worship as presently practised in this National Church, and asserted in the 15 Act of Assembly 1707, which see in *Innovations in Worship*? 3<sup>th</sup> Do you disown all *Popish, Arrian, Socinian, Arminian, Bourignian*, and other Doctrines, Tenets, and Opinions whatsoever, contrary to, and inconsistent with the foresaid Confession of Faith? 4<sup>th</sup> Are you perswaded, that the Presbyterian Government and Discipline of this Church are founded upon the Word of God, and agreeable thereto? And do you promise to submit to the said Government and Discipline, and to concur with the same, and never endeavour directly, nor indirectly the Prejudice or Subversion thereof, but to the utmost of your Power, in your Station, to maintain, support, and defend the said Discipline and Presbyterian Government, by Kirk-Sessions, Presbyteries, Provincial Synods, and General Assemblies during all the Days of your Life? 5<sup>th</sup> Do you promise to submit your self willingly and humbly, in the Spirit of Meekness, unto the Admonitions of the Brethren of this Presbytery, and to be Subject to them, and all other Presbyteries and superior Judicatures of this Church, where God in his Providence shall cast your Lot, and that according to your Power, you shall maintain the Unity and Peace of this Church against Error and Schism, notwithstanding of whatsoever Trouble or Persecution may arise, and that you shall follow no devisive Courses from the present established Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, and Government of this Church? 6<sup>th</sup> Are not Zeal for the Honour of God, Love to Jesus Christ, and desire of saving Souls, your great Motives, and chief Inducements to enter into the Function of the holy Ministry, and not worldly Designs and Interest? 7<sup>th</sup> Have you used any undue Methods, either by your self, or others, in procuring this Call? 8<sup>th</sup> Do you engage, in the Strength of Jesus Christ our Lord and Master, to rule well your own Family, to live a holy and circumspect Life, and faithfully, diligently and chearfully to discharge all the Parts of the Ministerial Work, to the Edification of the Body of Christ? 9<sup>th</sup> Do you accept of, and close with the Call, to be Pastor  
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of this Parish, and promise thro' Grace, to perform all the Duties of a faithful Minister of the Gospel among this People, *Act* 10. *Ass.* 1711.

*Questions, to be put to a Minister, already ordained, at his Admission to a Parish.*

YOU having already been ordained a Minister of the Gospel of Christ, 'tis supposed, that the usual Questions on such Occasions were put to you; and that you did then declare, &c. (*Here the Questions put to Ministers at their Ordination, which see supra, are to be repeated; and then say*) And do you not now consent and adhere to these Declarations, Promises and Engagements? And accept of, and vouch with the Call to be Minister of this Parish? And promise, through Grace, to perform all the Duties of a faithful Minister of the Gospel among this People: *Ibid.*

### Ministers Admission, see Expectants.

I. That none be admitted to the Ministry, before they be Twenty five Years of Age; except such as, for rare and singular Qualities, shall be judged, by the General or Provincial Assembly, to be meet and worthy thereof. And the Act, made in the Assembly holden at *Sts Andrew's*, April 24, 1582: *Scss.* 7, to that Purpose, is renewed by *Scss.* 23 & 24 Decem. 17 & 18: *Ass.* 1638. *Act.* 13. And again, by *Act* 10, *Ass.* 1704, (which see in *Trial of Intrants.*)

II. 'Tis recommended to the several Presbyteries and Provincial Assemblies, to consider the Interest of particular Congregations, in the Calling and Admission of Ministers, with all these Questions that usually fall out upon that Occasion; And to report Overtures. *Act Scss.* 41. June 18, *Ass.* 1646.

Ministers Converte, see Remedies against Sins, and there, Ecclesiastick Remedy against Prophaneness, 10 & 13. Ministers, *Act* 1. and there, Corruptions in their Persons and Lives, § 1, 2, 6, 7. *Act* 2, and there, Enormities in their Lives, and Remedies of their Enormities, § 6, 10, 11.

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Ministers Deposed, see *Deposed Ministers, Excommunication, &c. Act 1, 3.*

Ministers Duty, see *Prophaneness, Act 1, 2, 3.*

Ministers Provisions, see *Burghs, Act 2. Old Ministers, Stipends, Kirks, Act 1.*

Ministers of Regiments, see *Papists, Act 3, § 6. Army.*

Ministers Trials, see *Ministers, Act 1, 2.*  
and there, *Remedies of their Enormities, § 2, &c. Expectants.*

I. THAT all Ministers or Intrants presented to Kirks, be tried before their Admission, if they be qualified for the Places to which they are presented; beside the ordinary Trial of Expectants before their Entry to the Ministry. *Act Sess. 22, Aug. 29. Ass. 1639, Art. ult.*

II. THE Meaning of the foresaid Act is declared not to be, That an actual Minister to be transported, shall be tried again by the Trials appointed for the Trial of Expectants, at their Entry to the Ministry, according to the Acts of the Kirk; but only, That he bringing a Testimonial of his former Trials, and of his Abilities and Conversation, from the Presbytery from whence he comes, and giving such Satisfaction to the Parishioners and Presbytery whereto he comes, in Preaching, as the Presbytery finds his Gifts fit, and answerable for the Condition and Disposition of the Congregation whereto he is presented: Because, according to the Act of Assembly 1596, renewed at Glasgow, Sess. 23 & 24. Decem. 18 & 19. Anno 1638, Art. 9. (which see in *Ministers*) some that are meet for the Ministry in some Places, are not meet for all alike: And Universities, Town and Burghs, and Places of Noblemen's Residence, or Frequency of Papists, and other great and eminent Congregations, and sundry other Cases, require Men of greater Abilities, nor will be required necessarily in the planting of a private small Parish: The leaving of the Consideration of these Places unto the Judgment and Consideration of the Presbytery, was the only Intention of the Act. And the said Act, according to the foresaid

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Meaning, is ratified and approven, *Act* sess. 6, Aug. 2, *Ass.* 1642.

**Ministry**, see *Expectants*, *Intrants* to the Ministry.

THAT for the better breeding of young Men to the Ministry, who are not able to furnish themselves in Charges to attend the Universities, the Presbyteries where they reside, are to appoint some to direct their Studies, *sess.* June 18, *Ass.* 1646.

**Ministerial Visitations**, see *Visitations Ministerial*.

**Minutes of the Assembly**, see *Ordering the Assembly-house*, *Art.* 5.

**Moderator**, see *Ordering of the Assembly-house*, *Art.* 3. *Provincial Assemblies*, *Act* 2. *Presbyteries*.

MR. John Law, Moderator to the Assembly 1694, continued till the Friday next, after Sitting down of the General Assembly 1695, by *Act* 2 of that Assembly.

**Money**, see *North*, *Act* 11, 14. *Probationers*, *Act* 6. *Publick Money*.

**Monuments**, see *Burial in Kirks*. *Idolatrous Monuments*.

**Mortifications**, see *Visitations Presbyterial*, &c. *Act* 2. *Stipends*, *Act* 2.

**Munday's Mercats**, see *Mercats*.

**Murder**, see *Remedies against Sins*, and there, *Ecclesiastick Remedy against Prophaneness*, 5. *Ministers*, *Act* 1. and there, *Corruptions in their Office*, § 8.

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N.

Names of Ministers.

**A**LL and every one prohibited and discharged, to pretend or use the Names of Ministers, to any Petition, Declaration, or such like, at any Time thereafter, without their Knowledge, Consent or Assistance; otherwise, to be proceeded against with the Censures of the Kirk: *Act Sess. 11, Aug. 5, Ass. 1642.*

**Narrative,** see *Father.*

**National Covenant,** see *Confession of Faith,*

*Act 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Covenant, Act 1, 4, 5.*

**Negative Oaths,** see *Declaration, Act 4.*

**Negative Voice,** see *Kirk-sessions, Act 1.*

**Negligence,** see *Ministers.*

**Netherlands,** see *Letter, Head 6.*

**New-Testaments in Irish,** see *Bibles, &c. § 1.*

**Problemens Residence,** see *Transplantation, &c. Act 1, § 4.*

**Non-Communicants,** see *Papists, Act 1, 3, in fine. Act 4, in princip. Penalties.*

**Non-residence,** see *Ministers, Act 1, and there, Corruptions in their Persons and Lives, § 4.*

**North,** see *Supplies. Instructions, Act 1.*

**I. SIXTEEN Ministers,** particularly named from the Synods in the *South*, mentioned in the *Act*, are appointed to go to the Synods in the *North*, therein express'd, and supply Vacancies for three Months; and after them, other sixteen, according to the Proportions set down in the said *Act*, for the like Time: And so forth quarterly, by turns, until the next Assembly. *Act 14, Ass. 1694.*

**II. SOME Ministers and Elders,** appointed as a Committee for the North-side of Tay, to determine in all References

ferentes, Appeals, and other Matters particularly remitted to them; and specially, in all Things contained in and conform to the Overtures and Instructions given them by that Assembly, (which see in *Instructions*, § 1) and in no other Matters: And they are declared countable to the next Assembly; And their *Commission* to continue till the second *Tuesday* of *April* 1695, or the next Assembly, if it first happen. *Act* 19, *Ass.* 1694.

III. AND the Acts, Proceedings and Conclusions of the foresaid Committee 1694, for the *North*, are unanimously ratified and approved. *Act* 17, *Ass.* 1696.

IV. SOME Overtures are agreed to, for the more expedite planting of the *North*, and declared to be condescended to, only for the present Exigent, and to be no Precedent for After-times: Which are to be seen at large; in *Act* 12, *Ass.* 1696.

V. FORTY four Ministers are nominated and appointed to go from the Presbyteries in the *South*, for the Supply of the *North*, the one Half after the other, by Turns. *Act* 15, *Ass.* 1696.

VI. THE ordinary Supplies for the *North* are ordered to continue till the next Assembly, conform to the foresaid 14 *Act*, *Ass.* 1694. And 'tis recommended to Presbyteries and Synods, that the same be made effectual; These named, and formerly appointed to be sent from the several Presbyteries by way of Mission, being always sustained as a Part of the said Supply: But the Presbytery of *Perth* is excused, in their present Circumstances, from Supplies to the *North*, *Act* 25, *Ass.* 1696.

VII. THOSE who had not obeyed the foresaid *Act* 1696, are appointed to fulfil their Mission. *Act* 6, *Ass.* 1697.

VIII. The Synods be- south *Tay* are ordained to send to the *North* eighteen Ministers, according to the Proportions set down in this *Act*; and to send a quarterly Supply of Ministers, ay and while the Sitting of the next Assembly: And 'tis recommended to Presbyteries, to supply the Hinks of the Ministers sent to the *North*, with daily Preaching, at least two *Sabbaths* of three. And these Ministers sent to supply the *North*, are ordained to produce to their own Presbytery, a Testimonial from the Presbyteries within the Bounds where they did supply, of their having fulfilled their Appointment, and of their Carriage and Behaviour during their Abode in these Bounds. *Act* 14, *Ass.* 1697.

IX. THAT



IX. THAT when any Parish on the North-side of *Ty*, or of the Town and Presbytery of *Perth*, and Presbyteries of *Auchtermoider* and *Dunkeld*, shall call a Minister belonging to any Parish on the South-side of *Ty*; the Procedure in his Transportation shall be according to the Overtures of the foresaid *Act* 12, *Ass.* 1696. And Presbyteries on the South-side of *Ty* are appointed to send to the North a Number of Probationers, equal to that of the Ministers they are ordered to send, by the foresaid *Act* 14, *Ass.* 1697; And the Time of their staying there, and the Work of the Ministers sent North, is prescribed: Directions are given for the speedy planting of the North, both to the People in the North, and the Commission of Assembly. And Presbyteries are desired to proceed deliberately with any of the late conform Ministers, either as to their Censure or Reception; and that as to the Last, they follow the Directions in the 11 *Act* of *Ass.* 1694. Which see in *Instructions*, *Act* 16, *Ass.* 1697.

X. DEFICIENTS in supplying the North are appointed to fulfil their Missions, conform to the *Act* of *Ass.* 1696, *Act* 7, *Ass.* 1698.

XI. THAT Twelve Ministers be transported from the South to the Provinces of *Angus* and *Mearns*, *Aberdeen* and *Murray*, and Parishes thereof mentioned in the *Act*: And Directions are given to the Presbyteries in the said Provinces, for the speedy settling of their Parishes; and several Cautions are given them as to their Procedure. Twenty Probationers are also ordered to the Places in the North express'd in the *Act*; and 100 Merks, out of the King's Gift to the Church, is allowed to defray their Charges; 200 Merks to these who go to *Orkney*: And they are ordered to go when sent, or lose their Licences. The Supplies granted by *Act* 14, *Ass.* 1697, are continued and proportioned. The Commission of this Assembly is empowered to divide themselves into Committees: And these Committees are authorized to visit the Bounds they are appointed to, receive Complaints from Presbyteries, redress Grievances, inflict Censures, &c. in conjunction with the Presbyteries. *Act* 8, *Ass.* 1698.

XII. THE Synods be South *Ty* are appointed to send Fifteen Ministers to the Bounds of the Synods in the North, every four Months, according to the Propositions mentioned in the *Act*; That their Presbyteries do supply their Kicks during their Absence; and that the Ministers sent do catechise, and do all appointed by former Acts of Assembly,

sembly, and report to their own Presbyteries Testificates, as in Act 1697, above.

XIII. SOME Probationers are appointed to go to the North; and the Excuses of Others referred to the Commission. *Act 19, Ass. 1698.*

XIV. THAT any of the Twenty Probationers, sent by the last Assembly to the North, who have not obeyed the Appointment, be sent back again to fulfil the twelve Months. The settling of any North-country Probationers in the South is discharged, except on the Conditions expressed in the Act. And other twenty Probationers are ordered North, according to the Proportions, and for the Time mentioned in the Act: And these who go to Perth, Auchterarder and Dunkeld, are allowed 40 lib. each; to Angus, 30 lib. to Aberdeen, 100 Merks; to Murray, 80 lib. to Ross, Sutherland and Caithness, 100 lib. and to Orkney, 200 Merks; out of the King's Gift. Directions are given to them, with respect to their Settlement. Eleven actual Ministers are ordered to be sent North, each for Four Months, and subjected to Transportation, as in the Act, &c. But 'tis recommended to Presbyteries, not to make use of the *Jus devolutum*, till all other Means be essayed. *Act 11, Ass. 1699.*

XV. THE Brethren that shall go North upon Commissions, are excused from going in Supplies to the North, when it comes to their Turn: And their Churches are appointed to be supplied during their Absence. *Act 14, Ass. 1700.*

XVI. NINE actual Ministers are sent, for supplying the North, each four Months, till the next Assembly, according to the Proportions mentioned in the Act; and eighteen Probationers, in the same Terms, and with the same Encouragements, that the twenty Probationers had which were sent by the *Ass. 1699, Act 21 Ass. 1700.*

XVII. THAT all former Acts for rendering effectual the Supply of the North with Ministers, not expressly rescinded, shall be in full Force: And 'tis referred to the Commission to see to the Execution thereof. *Act 24, Ass. 1700.*

XVIII. FOUR actual Ministers sent to supply in the North, according to the Proportions mentioned in the Act, and seventeen Probationers, as by the former Assembly. *Act 6, Ass. 1701.*

XIX. THE

XIX. THE above-mentioned Act 24. General Assembly 1700. declared to stand still in full Force ; and it's referred to the Commission to see to the Observation thereof of *Act 27. Ass. 1701.*

XX. ACT concerning the planting of vacant Churches in the North, the Highlands and Islands, and supplying thereof with Ministers and Probationers, and promoting Religion and the Kingdom of God in these Places, which contains particular Instructions to the Commission for supplying Vacancies, and planting Parishes, and appoints the Commission to encourage the erecting Schools and Libraries in the Highlands, *Act 9, Ass. 1703.*

*North-Isles Presbytery, see Orkney.*

*Probations, see Ordering the Assembly-House, Act 4. Acts of Assembly, Act 5. Innovations in Worship.*

I. THAT no Novations, which may disturb the Peace of the Church, and make Division, be suddenly proponed and enacted, but so as the motion be first communicated to the several Synods, Presbyteries, and Kirks, that the Matter may be approved by all at home, and Commissioners may come well prepared unanimously to conclude a solid Deliberation upon these Points in the General Assembly, *Act 13. Ass. 1639.*

II. THAT according to the foresaid Act of Assembly at *Edinburgh 1639*, and at *Aberdeen 1640* (which see in *Ordering the Assembly-House*) no Novation in Doctrine, Worship, or Government, be brought in, or practised in this Kirk, unless it be first propounded, examined and allowed in the General Assembly, and that the Transgressors in this Kind be censured by Presbyteries and Synods, *Act 14. Sess. 14. Aug. 6. Ass. 1641.*

III. THAT Acts of former Assemblies made anent Novations, are revived, and particularly the foresaid two Acts, *Act 11. Ass. 1695.*

IV. 'Tis enacted, That before any General Assembly of this Church shall pass any Acts which are to be binding Rules and Constitutions to the Church, the same Acts be first proposed as Overtures to the Assembly;



sembly; and being by them pass as such, be remitted to the Consideration of the several Presbyteries of this Church, and their Opinions and Consent reported by their Commissioners to the next General Assembly following, who may then pass the same in Acts, if the more general Opinion of the Church thus had, agree thereto, *Act 9, Ass. 1697.*

O.

**Oaths, see Intrants, Act 1. Declaration, Act 4.**

**I.** **F**OR eviting of contrary Oaths, Synods, Presbyteries and Sessions are discharged to take the Oaths of both Parties, in all Time thereafter, in trying of Adulteries, Fornications, and other Faults and Scandals; but all other Order and Ways of Trial used in such Cases are recommended to them, and that there may be a common Order and Course kept in the Kirk of trying publick Scandals, Presbyteries are ordained to advise upon some common Order thereintil, and to report their Judgments to the then next Assembly, *Act 5, Sep. 11. Aug. 5, Ass. 1642.*

**II.** His Majesty having immediately upon his Accession to the Crown, in pursuance of the *Act 6. Parl. 1707*, which is made a Part of the Acts of the Parliaments of both Kingdoms of Scotland and England, ratifying the Treaty of Union, in Presence of his Privy Council, by his solemn Oath, faithfully promised and sworn, according to the Form used by the Law of Scotland, That he shall inviolably maintain and preserve the Settlement of the true Protestant Religion with the Government, Worship, Discipline, Rights and Privileges of the Church of Scotland, as established by the Laws made there, in Prosecution of the *Claim of Right*, and particularly by the foresaid *Act 6. Parl. 1707.* and Acts of Ratification above-mentioned, and subscribed the said Oath in two several Instruments made thereupon: The Double of the said Oath and Instruments were, for the Satisfaction and Encouragement of the Ministers, and other Members of this Church, openly Read from the Books of the late Commission, where the same stands recorded, and are by order of the Assembly, also recorded in *Act 4. Ass. 1715.*

Oath

Oath of Abjuration, see *Abjuration Oath*.

Oath of Purgation, see *Purgation Oath*.

Obligments by Bursars, see *Bursars*.

Oker, see *Ministers*, and there, *Corruptions in their Persons and Lives*, § 3.

Offenders, see *Ministers*, *Ibid.* § 6, 8.

Officers in the Church, see *Congregation*.

Offices Civil, see *Places Civil*.

### Old Ministers.

THAT Old Ministers and Professors of Divinity shall not, by their Dimission of, or Cessation from their Charge thro' Age and Inability, be put from enjoying their old Maintenance and Dignity, *Act Sess. 5. July 30. A. 1641.*

Opinions, see *Atheistical Opinions*.

Orders of the Kirk, see *Irregularities*.

### Ordering of the Assembly-House.

I. FOR Order in the Assembly-House in all time thereafter, it is appointed, 1mo, That the Commissioners sit together unmixed, and that the Places where they sit be railed about, or some other way divided from the Seats of others, and that Places be provided without the Bounds of the Commissioners Seats to Persons of Respect, who are not Commissioners, and others, according to their Qualities, as the Magistrates of the Town shall think most convenient. 2do, Also, that the Commissioners having received Tickets from the Magistrates of the Burgh, at the Delivery of their Commissions, whereby they may have ready Access to the Assembly-House, and Place appointed for them, do keep the Hour of Meeting precisely, and whosoever comes after the Time, or shall be found absent at the calling of the Roll, is to be censured, as the Assembly sees fitting; And that whatsoever Prefbtery, Burgh, or University shall not send Commissioners

sioners, or Commissioners sent from them, do not come at all to the Assembly, be summoned to the next Assembly and censured, as the Assembly shall find reasonable. 310, That four Persons of Respect have Warrant from the Assembly to enjoin, that there be no Standing, nor Din, nor disorderly Behaviour; and if any shall disobey them, or direct his Speech to any except to the Moderator, and that one at once, with leave first asked and given, that he be rebuked publicly by the Moderator; and if he desist not, be removed out of the Assembly for that Session. 410, That no Motion come in into the Assembly, but by the Committee appointed for Matters of that Nature; and if the Committee refuse to answer the same, that it be proponed to the Assembly, with the Reasons thereof. 510, That the Minutes of ilk Session be read before the rising; and if the Matter concern the whole Kirk, that it be drawn up in Form, and read in the Beginning of the next ensuing Session, that the Assembly may Judge whether or not it be according to their Mind. *As Sef. 2. July 29. Ass. 1640. Not4.* Now, by immemorial Custom, the Minutes of each Sederunt are only once read at the Beginning of the next following Sederunt, except the Minutes of the last Sederunt of the Assembly, which are read immediately before the Dissolution thereof.

II. THE foresaid Act Assembly at *Aberdeen 1640.* for ordering the House of the Assembly, is ordained to be kept thereafter punctually, and for that Effect, the same is to be read the first Session of every Assembly, *As Sef. 13. Aug. Ass. 1642.*

### **Ordinances.**

THAT People be obliged to frequent Ordinances in the ordinary Diets and Places is referred as an Overture to Presbyteries, by *Sef. 23. 24. Dec. 17, 18. Ass. 1638. Art. 11.*

**Ordination of Ministers, see *Licensing, Officers of the Church.***

I. THE Book of Consecration is rejected and condemned, as establishing Offices in God's House which are not warranted by the Word of God, and are repugnant to the Constitutions of our Kirk, as an Impediment



diment to the Entry of fit and worthy Men to the Ministry, and to the Discharge of their Duty after their Entry, conform to the Discipline of our Kirk, and the Use and Practice of the same is prohibited, and Presbyteries are ordained to proceed with the Censures of the Kirk against all such as shall transgress, *Act Sess. 14. Dec. 6. Ass. 1638.*

II. THE Propositions concerning the Officers, Assemblies and Government of the Kirk, and concerning the Ordination of Ministers, being the Results of the long and learned Debates of the Assembly of Divines at *Westminster*, and of the Treaty of Uniformity, with the Commissioners of this Kirk residing at *London*, are agreed to, and approved; and the Commissioners of the Assembly are authorized to agree to, and conclude in the Name of the Assembly, an Uniformity betwixt the Kirks in both Kingdoms, in the aforementioned Particulars, so soon as the same should be ratified, without any substantial Alteration, by an Ordinance of the Parliament of *England*; which Ratification is to be timeously intimated and made known by the Commissioners of this Kirk residing at *London*: But it's provided, That that Act be nowise prejudicial to the further Discussion and Examination of that Article, which holds forth, that the Doctor and Teacher hath Power of the Administration of the Sacraments, as well as the Pastor: As also of the distinct Rights and Interests of Presbyteries and People in the calling of Ministers; but that it shall be free to debate and discuss these Points, as God shall be pleased to give further Light, *Act Sess. 16. Feb. 10. Ass. 1645.*

III. THE Assembly unanimously declares, That as they allow no Power in the People, but only in the Pastors of the Church, to appoint or ordain Church Officers; so they disclaim the Error of the Press, in *Acts vi. Ver. 3.* If any such be found in Bibles printed in this Nation, bearing, *Whom ye may appoint over this Business* in stead of *whom we may appoint*, and do declare, they do not own any other Reading of that Text to be according to the Original, *but whom we may appoint*, &c. nor do they know, nor can learn, that ever any in this Nation did publicly use or apply that Text to prove the Peoples Power in ordaining their Ministers; which Error the Presbyterians (particularly these of *Scotland* are wrongously charged with by *Thomas Gibbs* Rector of *Bur-*

ry, in a Sermon preached by him, printed and published, *Act 5. A.D. 1698.*

**Oriental Languages,** see *Students of Theology, Act 1.*

**Orkney,** see *Commissions of Assemblies, Act 22. Caithness.*

THE Act of Assembly April 11. 1706, concerning the more convenient Meeting, and greater Ease of the Synod of *Caithness, Orkney* and *Zetland* is ratified, without disjoining the Presbyteries of *Zetland* or *Caithness*, or annexing the Presbytery of *Sutherland* thereto, and the Presbytery of *Orkney* is divided in two, and the Ministers of the Parishes in the Main-Land and South-Isles, with a Ruling-Elder for each Minister, are erected in one Presbytery, to be called the Presbytery of *Kirkwall*, and to meet for ordinary at *Kirkwall*. And the Ministers of North-Isles, viz. *Rousay, Egleshey, Westray* and *Papay, North-Ronaldshay, Sanday, Edday* and *Stronsay*, and *Shappinshay*, with a Ruling Elder for each Minister, in another Presbytery, to be called, *The Presbytery of North-Islands*, and to meet for ordinary in the Isle of *Edday*. And in weighty Cases, one of the Ministers of *Kirkwall*, and the Ministers of *Evie* and *Deerness* are appointed to meet and correspond with the Presbytery of *North-Isles*; And the Presbytery of *Caithness, Kirkwall*, the North-Isles and *Zetland*, to bring their Books yearly to be revised by the Synod of *Orkney*, and the Brethren of the Presbytery of *Zetland* are appointed to go the said Synod by turns, and to bear equal Burden in publick Matters, and the Synods of *Ross* and *Orkney* are appointed to keep a mutual Correspondence, as is usual in other Synods, *Act 10. A.D. 1707.* Note, But the General Assembly *anno 1715* *Ses. 9.* unprinted Acts, upon a Petition of the Presbytery of *Zetland*, disjoined them from the Synod of *Orkney*, and declared them to be only subordinated to the General Assembly, and enjoined them to send Commissioners yearly thereto with their Books, according to the Acts of Assembly 1647 and 1648, which see in *Zetland*.

**Orkney Bishop,** see *Episcopacy, &c. Act 2.*

**Orkney**

**Orkney Presbytery**, see *Caithness, Zetland*.

**Ophans**, see *Widows*.

**Overtures**, see *Grammar, &c. Burial in Kirks, Act 1. Discipline, Acts of Assembly, Act 3, 5. Papists, Act 1, 7. Novations, Act 1, 7. Probationers, Act 2. Visitations, Act 1.*

\*This Overtured by way of Querie, how Appeals shall be brought into General Assemblies, and by what sort of Citation? What shall be the Prescription of Scandals? Within what Space of Time shall they be challenged, whether after three Years, the Minister having been allowed in Life and Doctrine, by Synods, Presbyteries, and Visitations? What Order shall be taken for keeping General Assemblies, when Presbyteries send not the full Number of Commissioners; or when the Commissioners abide not until the Conclusion and Dissolution of the Assembly? Order to be advised for Testimonial? These Overtures are appointed to be advised by Presbyteries, against the then next Assembly, *Ses. 13. Aug. 6. Ass. 1642.*

II. AN Overture that all Promises of Marriage made by Minors without Consent of their Parents to Women, with whom they have committed Fornication, be made null and of none Effect, is referred to the Consideration of the several Presbyteries, and they to Report their Judgment to the Assembly, *Ses. 7. June 4. Ass. 1644.*

III. ACT transmitting three Overtures, *viz.* Two anent Commissioners to the General Assembly, and their subscribing the *Confession of Faith*, and one anent Citations in Cases of Transportation of Ministers formerly transmitted by General Assembly 1700, are again transmitted to Presbyteries for their Opinions, *Act 4. Ass. 1701.*

IV. ACT transmitting Overtures concerning Schools and Burghs, and for instructing Youth in the Principles of Religion, to Presbyteries for their Opinions, *Act 2. Ass. 1704.*

V. RECOMMENDED to all Presbyteries within this National Church in their Instructions to their Commissioners, carefully to distinguish betwixt what they pro-



propose as 'Overtures, to be transmitted by the General Assembly to the several Presbyteries, in order to their being past into Acts; and those things which are only Matter of Complaint or Grievances, to be presently redressed, or Things wherein they desire to be advised, that Overtures and Matters of Advice may be given in to the Committee for Overtures, and the rest to the Committee for Bills, References and Appeals, and yet in Matters of Weight, these two Committees may advise with one another, *Act 6. Ass. 1706.*

VI. SOME Overtures about trying and licensing Probationers for the Holy Ministry, are transmitted to the several Presbyteries, and the Observation thereof is enjoined until the next Assembly, *Act 4. Ass. 1710.*

VII. SOME Overtures for regulating the calling of Ministers, are transmitted to Presbyteries, by *Act 13. Ass. 1710.*

## P

**Paganish Customs,** see *Libraries, Act 3.*

**Pamphlets, Books, Books Erroneous.**

**Papers,** see *Engagement in War, &c.*

**Papists and Papistry,** see *Confession of Faith, Act 5.*

I. **A**N Overture for taking the Number and Names of all *Papists* in the Kingdom, that it might appear, what Growth *Poper*y hath had, and has, and what *Papists Priests* and *Jesuites* there are in the Land, and that all Persons, of whatsoever State or Condition, be obliged to swear and subscribe the *Confession of Faith*, as then condescended on by the General Assembly, and that they frequent the Word and Sacraments in the ordinary Diets and Places, otherways to be proceeded against with the Censures of the Kirk, and that Children be not sent out of the Country without License of the Presbyteries or Provincial Synods of the Bounds where they dwell, is referred to the several Presbyteries, by *Ses. 22. and 24. Dec. 17. 18. Ass. 1638. Art. 11.*

II. ALL former Acts of Assemblies against *Papists* and Excommunicated Persons against *Haunters* with them, and *Receivers* of them, are revived and renewed. *Act Ses. 22. Aug. 29. Ass. 1639. Art. 6.*

III. 'Tis

III. 'Tis appointed, 1<sup>mo</sup>, That the Assembly Sup-  
 plicate the Council for the due Execution of the Acts of  
 Parliament and Council against *Papists*; and craving  
 that the Exchequer might be the Intrometers with the  
 Rents of those who are excommunicated, and that from  
 the Exchequer the Presbytery may receive the Portion  
 of the confiscated Goods, which the Law appoints to  
 be employed *ad pios usus*. 2<sup>do</sup>, That every Presbytery  
 convene all known *Papists* in their Bounds, and require  
 them to put out of their Company all Friends and Ser-  
 vants who are *Popish* within a Month, also within the  
 same Space to give their Children, Sons and Daughters,  
 who are above seven Years old, to be educated at their  
 Charges, by such of their Protestant Friends as the  
 Presbytery shall approve, and find Caution for bring-  
 ing home within three Months, such of their Children  
 who are without the Kingdom, to be educated in  
 Schools and Colleges at the Presbyteries Sight; to find  
 Caution likewise of their abstinence from Mass, and  
 the Company of all *Jesuites* and *Priests*. 3<sup>io</sup>, That all of  
 whatsoever Rank and Degree that refuse to give Satis-  
 faction in every one of the aforesaid Articles be proce-  
 sed without any delay; but these who give Satisfaction,  
 be dealt with in all Meekness after this Manner: The  
 Presbytery shall appoint such of their Number as they  
 shall find fittest to confer with them, so frequently as  
 the Brethren are able to attend, until the middle of  
*October* then next, against which Time, if they be not  
 willing to go to Church, that they give Assurance to  
 go and dwell in the adjacent University Town, from the  
 first of *November*, till the last of *March*, where they shall  
 attend all the Diets of Conference, which the Professors  
 and Ministers of the Bounds shall appoint to them;  
 by which, if they be not converted, their Obstinacy  
 to be declared in the Provincial Synods of *April*; and  
 from thence that Process shall go on to the very Closure,  
 without any further Delay. 4<sup>to</sup>, That every Presbytery,  
 as they will be answerable to the next Assembly, be care-  
 ful to do their Duty in the Premises. 5<sup>to</sup>, That there  
 be given by the Members of that Assembly, unto the  
 Commissioners of the Presbytery of *Edinburgh*, a List of  
 all excommunicated *Papists* they know, and of all *Papists*  
 who have Children educated Abroad, that they may be  
 presented, together with a Supplication from the Assem-  
 bly, to the Council at their next Sitting. 6<sup>to</sup>, That the  
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Council be supplicated for an Act, That in no Regiment which goes out of the Kingdom, any *Papist* bear Office; and that the Colonel be required to find Caution for this Effect, before he receive the Council's Warrant for levying any Soldiers; and that he find Caution for maintaining of a Minister, and keeping of a Session in his Regiment. That every Presbytery proceed against Non-communicants, whether *Papists* or Others, according to the Act of Parliament made thereant: And sicklike, that Acts of Parliament made against Profaners of the Sabbath, be put to Execution. The Presbyteries are ordained to put the foresaid Acts in Execution with all Diligence; and that the Commissioners of every Presbytery give in a List of the excommunicated *Papists* within their Bounds, and of *Papists* Children out of the Country, to the Clerk, that the same might be presented to the Council, by the Commissioners of that Assembly. *Act Sess. 7, Aug. 3, Ass. 1642, Overt. against Papists, &c.*

IV. THAT all Presbyteries of this Kingdom do observe and practise the Rules and Directions made in former General Assemblies, for preventing the Growth of *Papery*; namely the foresaid Overtures against *Papists*, Non-communicants, and Profaners of the Sabbath, approved in *Ass. 1642*; and the Act anent Children sent without the Kingdom, made in the General Assembly 1646, (which see in *Children*) And that they use all Diligence for putting in Execution the Acts of Parliament and Secret Council, made against *Papists* and excommunicate Persons; And that they register their Diligences thereant in the Presbytery-books, which are summarily to be recorded in the Synod-books, from Time to Time, that the General Assembly may see how these laudable Acts are put in Execution; which are set down in this Act, with some necessary Additions in one View: 1<sup>mo</sup>. That every Presbytery give a List of all excommunicated *Papists* they know to be within their Bounds, to the Commissioners of the General Assembly, and of all *Papists*; yea, of them also who profess to have renounced *Papery*, but yet have their Children educated Abroad, with the Names of these Children that are Abroad, according to the foresaid 5<sup>th</sup> Overture of *Ass. 1642*; 2<sup>do</sup>. That every Presbytery convene, at their first Meeting, all known *Papists* within their Bounds, and such as, having professed to renounce *Papery*, have their Children Abroad; and cause them find sufficient Caution for bringing Home, within three Months,

such



such of their Children as are without the Kingdom, to be educated in Schools and Colleges, at the Presbytery's Sight, if they be Minors; and to be wrought upon by gracious Conference, and other Means of Instruction, to be reclaimed from Popery, if they be come to perfect Age. 3<sup>to</sup>. That Parents, Tutors, and Friends of Children and Minors, before they send them without the Kingdom, first acquaint the Presbytery where they reside, that they may have their Testimonial directed to the Presbytery or Class within the Kingdom or Dominion beyond Seas; whither they intend to send their Children; and at the Time of these Childrens Return, that they report a Testimonial from the Presbytery or Synod where they lived without the Kingdom, to the Presbytery who gave them a Testimonial at their going away; according to the Act anent Children sent without the Kingdom, Anno 1646. (which see in *Children, &c.*) 4<sup>to</sup>. That all Presbyteries give the Names of such Pedagogues, as were Abroad with the Children of Noblemen, within their Bounds; and diligently enquire, whether these Pedagogues do either become corrupt in Religion, or (continuing constant) are removed from their Charge, and by whom they are removed; and that they signify these Things to the General Assembly from Time to Time, or their *Commission*, that they may represent the same to the High Court of Parliament, Lords of Secret Council, or Committee of Estates, for such Remedy as shall seem expedient to their Honours, for preventing of, and purging the Land from the Plague of Idolatry. 5<sup>to</sup>. That such Parents, Tutors or Friends, as either send away their Children to foreign Parts infected with Idolatry, without such Testimonials as aforesaid, or do not recall them who are already Abroad, within such Time as is already prefix'd, or do remove from them their Protestant Pedagogues, (that they may be the more easily infected with Popery) be protest'd; and, in case of not amending these Things, be excommunicated. 6<sup>to</sup>. That the Names of such as are excommunicated for these, or any other Causes, be sent in to the General Assembly from Year to Year; that from thence their Names may be notified in all the Kingdom, and that the Acts of Parliament and Secret Council may be put to Execution against them, and all Diligence used for that Effect; and that, by the effectual Dealing of the General Assembly with the Parliament, Lords of Secret Council and Committee of Estates, their Lordships may enact

enact such further just and severe civil Punishments on such Excommunicants, for Terror to Others, as shall be found necessary for purging this covenanted Land from all Abominations. That all known *Papists*, or Persons suspected of *Popery* upon probable Grounds, find Caution before the Presbyteries for their Abstinence from *Mass*, and from the Company of all *Jesuits* and *Priests*, according to the foresaid 24. Overture against *Papists*, Anno 1646: Also, that Presbyteries press them to find such Caution; and to observe what Persons put their Sons or Daughters to such Families as are tainted with *Popery* within the Land, the same being a special Mean to corrupt them with Idolatry; and to cause such Parents to recal their Children, or else proceed with the Censures of the Kirk against them. All which Overtures Presbyteries are seriously required to observe, with Certification. *Act* Sess. 38, Aug. 10, *Ass* 1648.

V. THAT Presbyteries take special Notice what *Papists* are in their Bounds, and that they take Pains to reclaim them, and do advert how their Children are educated; and, if Need be, make Application to the Civil Authority concerning them. *Act* 7, Sess. 12, October 29, *Ass* 1690, § 2.

VI. 'Tis recommended to Ministers, to be at pains to dehort People from marrying with *Papists*, and hold forth the dangerous Effects thereof: And the *Commission* is instructed to apply to the Parliament for an Act, discharging such unequal Marriages. And 'tis recommended to Presbyteries, to think upon some Overtures that may tend to prevent such Marriages. *Act* 22, *Ass* 1704.

VII. SOME Overtures against *Popery* are transmitted to Presbyteries. *Act* 16, *Ass* 1698.

VIII. THE foresaid Overtures approved, as follows: 1<sup>mo</sup>. That Ministers study the *Popish* Controversies more: 2<sup>do</sup>. That all due Endeavours be used to unite Protestants among themselves, seeing Adversaries get Advantage by our Divisions. 3<sup>io</sup>. That Ministers endeavour faithfully to watch the Flock committed to them, and by publick Preaching, and private Instruction, and Conference, to prevent Apostacy that way. 4<sup>to</sup>. That Ministers deal wisely and convincingly with the Consciences of these that have fallen to *Popery*, and other corrupt Principles, for their Recovery. 5<sup>to</sup>. That when other Means are ineffectual, Presbyteries proceed to Church-censures, when they see it may be for the Edification of the

the Church. 6to. That, according to the Acts of former General Assemblies and Acts of Parliament. the Names of *Popish Priests* and *Jesuites*, and trafficking *Papists*, and of those who have sent their Children to *Popish* Colleges and Countries, be given in to each Provincial Synod; and by them transmitted, as *Act 6, Parl. 3, CHARLES II.* requires. 7<sup>th</sup>mo. That Application be made to the Civil Magistrate, as often as Need requires, for the vigorous Execution of the Laws against *Papists*; particularly, seminary *Priests*, *Popish* Schoolmasters and Mistresses, Governors and Pedagogues, and *Popish* Meetings; and for seeing to the training up of *Popish* Youth in the Protestant Religion. *Act 8, Ass. 1699.*

IX. The Assembly do judge, That a private Acknowledgment of *Papists* renouncing that Religion verbally, is not sufficient to admit them to Church-privileges; And therefore appoints, That the Reception of any that comes off from *Papery* to the Communion of this Church be the Deed of a Church-Judicatory; and that they subscribe the *Confession of Faith*, as the *Confession of their Faith*. *Act 18, Ass. 1700.*

X. Act declaring, That by Judicatories, in the fore-said *Act 18, Ass. 1700*, is not meant any below a Presbytery. *Act 10, Ass. 1703.*

XI. 'Tis appointed, That Presbyteries send Lists to the Clerks of Privy Council, conform to the Acts of Parliament, and Proclamation of Council thereanent, of all *Papists* within their Bounds; and that these Lists be particular as to the Names and Designations of the Persons who entertain them, and contain the Places where they are entertained, and where they preach, and hear and say *Mass*; and that they be particular as to the Evidences, by giving the Names and Designations of the Witnesses. And the Commission is appointed to apply to the Government, to provide for the Security of Ministers who come to deal with *Papists*, in order to bring them off their Errors, that they may be protected from Violence and Injuries that are offered to their Persons, by the said *Papists* and their Friends. *Act 21, Ass. 1704.*

XII. 'Tis recommended to Ministers and Congregations in Parishes where *Papery* abounds, to be frequent and serious in Fasting and Prayer to God, for restraining thereof. The *Act 8, Ass. 1699* (which see *supra*) is renewed: And 'tis further recommended, 1<sup>mo</sup>, That Diligence be used to plant vacant Congregations in these Parts that are



infested with Popery, with able, pious, prudent and learned Ministers. 220, That Ministers frequently commune with, and enquire at their Elders, of the Case of the People, and of the Danger they may be in, and of the Trafficking of Seducers amongst them, that they may the more timeously counter-work them; and that Sessions report their Diligence herein to their Presbyteries. 230. That Presbyteries, at each Meeting, confer about their Danger from Popery, and their Duty with respect to it, and what Endeavours may be used against it; and record their Success: Or, if the Infection be growing, 40, That Synods in every Meeting, enquire at Presbyteries, as to the Growth of Popery, and give Assistance against it: And for that End, 50, Send Ministers well acquainted with the Popish Controversies, to assist Ministers in the Bounds where Popery prevails, not only to confer with the Seduced, but for establishing Others, especially, Persons of more Influence and Authority. 60, That Probationers be sent to assist Ministers of large Parishes in preaching, that they may have the more Time to travel amongst the People: But Presbyteries are to take care, that this be not improved for Ease and Sloth. 71mo, For making this about Probationers practicable and useful, some Overtures of the Commission 1706, are approved: And, in prosecution thereof, 'tis ordained, That some Probationers, known in the Popish Controversies, be sent to those Parts where Popery abounds, to travel among the People, under the Inspection, and at the Direction of the Presbyteries of the Bounds, and show them the Errors of the Church of Rome, and Danger of the same; and to instruct them in the Principles of the true Reformed Protestant Religion, especially in spacious Parishes; and that a Contribution be made amongst Ministers, according to their Stipends, and amongst charitable People, for their Encouragement. 'Tis recommended to Presbyteries, to be more careful in transmitting Lists of Papists to the Clerks of Privy Council, with particular Informations; and to all Church-judicatures, to apply to the Civil Magistrate for executing the Laws against Papists: And where the Concurrence and Assistance of Supreme Judicatures is requisite, the Commissions of Assemblies are enjoined to name Committees to prosecute the same according to Law, and to manage the said Missions and Contributions; And certain Rules are laid down for ingathering

thering and applying the foresaid Contributions, and directing the Missioners in their Work; And Directions are given to Ministers and Presbyteries with respect thereto: And 'tis appointed, That at every Synod the Names of *Papists* in the several Parishes within their Bounds be given in to the Clerk of the Synod, that their Increase and Decrease may be known, and suitable Provision made for recovering the Seduced, and preventing the Seduction of more; And that Synods transmit these Lists yearly to the *Commissions* of Assemblies. And the *Commissions* are enjoined to see to the Execution of the above Particulars, and to apply to the Government for Protection and Assistance to the Missioners. *Act 8. Ass. 1767.*

XIII. 'Tis recommended to Ministers, That in their Sermons, and Catechisings of the People under their Charge, they use all Care and Diligence in informing them of the abominable Errors of the Church of Rome, and instructing them in the Truths of the Reformed Religion; and faithfully warning them of their Danger from *Papery*. *Act 4. Ass. 1768.*

XIV. MINISTERS and Members of Kirk-sessions are enjoined to keep a watchful Eye over *Papists*, and deal with them for their Conviction, according to *Act 8. Ass. 1767*, (which see *supra*) and to give in yearly to the Presbytery Lists of their Names and Designations; particularly, of *Papish* Bishops, Priests, *Jesuits*, and other Transgressors, and of Apostates from the true Religion; with an Account of their *Papish* Meetings, Times and Places thereof, and Witnesses for proving the same; with the Names of Children under *Papish* Parents, Tutors, Curators and Governors, and of the nearest Protestant Relations of such Children; and likewise, of all *Papists* who keep Schools, or teach any Science, Art or Exercise; and also, of Protestants who keep *Papish* Servants; and of all *Papists* who have succeeded to Lands or Heritages within their Bounds, since the Year 1700; and all other Contraveners of the 3d *Act* of the *Parliament* held that Year: And Presbyteries are strictly enjoined to give in yearly, on or before the Twenty first Day of February, full Informations of these Things, subscribed by their Moderators and Clerks, to the Justices of the Peace, in the several Shires within which the said Presbyteries do lie, and *Papists* reside or haune, at their Quarter-sessions or Meetings; and to the other Judges ordinary, within the Bounds of the said Presbyteries, in order to due Trial: *Act 10. Ass. 1767.*

And to send another authentick Copy of the said Informations, subscribed as said is, to the Procurator or Agents for the Church, to be by them laid before the Lords Justice General, or Justice Clerk, or Her Majesty's Advocate, or Solicitors; And to give in also Copies thereof to their Synods, according to former Acts of Assembly: And Synods are ordained to call for the same from Presbyteries, and record their Diligence herein in their Books, that the General Assembly may see it, and give such Orders thereanent as they shall judge proper. *Act 11, Ass. 1714.*

XV. THE *Commission* is instructed to apply to the Lord Justice Clerk, Lord Advocate or Solicitor, in order to obtain a vigorous Execution of the Laws against *Papery*; And Informations about *Papish* Schoolmasters or Mistresses, and *Papish* Factors and Chamberlains, according to the Direction of the *Act 11, Ass. 1714*, immediately preceding, are appointed to be sent to the Procurator and Agents for the Church, that they may be prosecuted according to Law. *Act 8, Ass. 1717.*

XVI. ALL Presbyteries, and particular Ministers and Kirk-Sessions are exhorted to have a watchful Eye on the *Papists* within their Bounds, and to take up Lists of their Names, and send the same to the *Commission* of Assembly, to be laid before His Majesty's Advocate, or otherwise used, as they shall see Cause; and that they be at all pains to reclaim *Papists*, and observe what is enjoined for that End, by the 8th *Act* of *Ass. 1707*. And Presbyteries, in whose Bounds there are *Papists*, are enjoined to give in Informations against them, according to the *Act 11, Ass. 1714*, (both which see *supra*) And to hold Visitations in Parishes where *Papery* abounds, and enquire into the Circumstances thereof, the Number of catechisable Persons therein, how many of them are Protestants, and how many *Papists*, and who of them are Apostates; As also, what is the Length and Breadth of such Parishes, and what the real Rent, and also the valued Rent of each Heritor extends to; that so it may be known where new Erections are practicable, and how much each Parish may afford toward the Maintenance of Schools, conform to Law: And 'tis appointed, That at these Visitations, the Churches and Manes be also inspected by Tradesmen, in a legal Manner; And that where Ministers do want Gleibs, Grass, or other Accommodations, the Course prescribed by Law be followed: And that an Extract of what is done



done in the Premises be sent to the Procurator and Agents for the Church, that Diligence may be taken out thereon, according to Law. And where Schools are wanting in any Parish, Presbyteries are appointed to make legal Intimation to Heritors and Parishioners, to meet on a certain Day, and at a certain Place, to stent themselves for a Salary to a Schoolmaster, and for the needful Accommodations to him, as is appointed by *Act 5. Parl. 1, CHA. I. 1633.* and *Act 26. Sess. 6. Parl. K. WIL. 1696.* And that they appoint a Committee to meet with them: And if the Heritors and Parishioners, and failing the Heritors, the most part of the Parishioners do meet, that they proceed to stent, and also proportion the Money laid on: And if they either meet not, or, being met, do fail in settling a Salary, and providing a House for the Schoolmaster; the Presbytery is appointed to present a Petition to the Commissioners of Supply, or any Five or more of them, with an Extract of the valued Rent of the Parish; and crave that the Commissioners may, in the Terms of the foresaid Acts of Parliament, settle a School: And if the Commissioners refuse, or shift the doing of it, that Instruments be taken against them, and thereupon a Process be commenced before the Lords of Session; who have already, in the like Cases, provided Salaries and Houses for Schoolmasters: And if, when all this is done, the Heritors will not call a Schoolmaster, the Presbytery is required, after the expiring of one Year, to order Intimation to be made from the Pulpit to the Heritors and Parishioners, to meet on a certain Day, in order to elect and present one to be Schoolmaster: And if at that Time they do it not, the Presbytery is appointed to present One; and after Edicts duly published as to him, to admit and settle him: And that where competent Stipends are not provided in Parishes where Popery abounds, or where the Stipends are paid in small Parcels, the Presbytery concern'd is appointed to cause draw up a State of these Stipends, how, and by whom they are paid; and also an Account of the real Rent of each Heritor in such Parishes, and send the same to the Procurator and Agents for the Church; who, upon Receipt thereof, are ordered to commence Processes for settling of competent Stipends to Ministers, where the same is not already done: And the Expences of Processes for settling Stipends and Schools in Parishes where Popery abounds, are appoint-

ed to be born out of the Church's publick Money. *Act 4. Ass. 1719.*

XVII. THE Commission of Assembly is instructed and impowered to do what in them lies, to prevent the Growth of *Popery*, by directing and assisting Ministers in these Bounds, where *Popery* prevails, in applying all proper Ecclesiastick Remedies, particularly these prescribed in the above *Act 4. Assembly 1719* and former Acts; And all the Ministers of this Church, especially, in such Corners where there are *Papists*, are appointed to preach against the Errors of *Popery*, and deal seriously with *Papists* for their Conviction; and the Commission is impowered to use all suitable Endeavours to get the Civil Remedies now under Consideration, brought to some good Issue, and to think upon Means to get proper Books against *Popery*, put in the Hands of People in these Places where *Popery* prevails, or People are in Danger of being perverted, and the Draught of a Memorial against *Popery* is approved, and ordered to be sent to the Secretary of State to be laid before His Majesty. *Act 7. Ass. 1720.*

Parliament, see *Exhortation.*

Parliament of England, see *Declaration, Act 1, 3, 6. Letter, Head 8.*

I. PROPOSITIONS are given by the Commissioners of the Parliament of *England* to a Committee, to be presented by them to the General Assembly, giving an Account of the Progress made by them towards a Reformation, and craving the help of their Prayers, and what other Aid and Assistance they shall think meet. *Item.* A Declaration of both Houses of the Parliament of *England*, to the Assembly of *Scotland*, shewing that they had called an Assembly of Divines, which was then sitting at *Westminster*, and that they had sent Commissioners from the Parliament, with the Assistance of some Divines of that Assembly, both therein named, to Treat with the Assembly of *Scotland*, about publick Matters relating to the Peace and Common-Weal of both Kingdoms, the furthering the Work of Reformation in *England*, and a nearer Conjunction betwixt both Churches, and entreating that these Commissioners might be received with Favour and Credit in what they propon-

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ed: And also, That the Assembly of Scotland, according to their Promise and Resolution, send some godly and learned Divines to the Assembly in England, for furthering of that Work, and that the Assembly do what they can to procure an Aid to the Parliament against the Army of the Popish and Prelatical Party then on Foot, *Ses. 8. Aug. 10. Aſ. 1643.*

II. PROPOSITIONS from both Houses of the Parliament of England to the General Assembly, together with the Double of a Paper presented by the said Commissioners to the Convention of the Estates of Scotland, entreating their Assistance for carrying on the Work of Reformation, and that the two Kingdoms may be united into a strict League for effectuating thereof, and that the Kingdom of Scotland might send Forces to England to assist the Parliament against the Army of the Papists, Prelatists and Malignants, then on Foot, *Ses. 12. Aug. 15. Aſ. 1643.*

III. ANSWERS of the General Assembly 1643, to the above-written Declaration of the Parliament of England, blessing God for the Progress that that Parliament had made in the Reformation of Religion; shewing, that they had sent Commissioners to propound, treat, and conclude with the Assembly of Divines and others of the Church of England now sitting at Westminster, and any Committees to be deputed by both Houses of Parliament, in all such Things as may conduce to the utter Extirpation of Popery, Prelacy, Heresy, Schism, Superstition and Idolatry, and for settling the so much desired Union of the whole Island in one Form of Church-Government, one Confession of Faith, one Common Catechism, and one Directory for the Worship of GOD; and shewing their Desire to be united and associated with England in a nearer League and solemn Covenant, for maintaining the true reformed Religion and Unity, and Uniformity therein, betwix the Kirk of this Island, and that they had approved a Draught and Form of that Covenant, expecting the like Approbation of the Parliament and Assembly of England, that thereafter it may be solemnly sworn and subscribed in both Kingdoms, and promising not to be wanting to exhort all others to their Duty, or in contending so far as belongs to their Place and Vocation with the Estates then convened in any lawful and possible Course, which may most conduce to the good of Religion and Reformation; the King's Honour



and Happiness, and the Deliverance of their Brethren in England, from their present calamitous Condition. *Ses. ult. Aug. 19. Aff. 1643.*

**Parishioners**, see *Acts of Assembly, Acts 4, 5, 6.*

'Tis referred to the several Presbyteries, to consider what's fit to be done, to get some Proportion kept in the several Parishes within their Bounds, both as to their Number and distance of Place. *Act Ses. 23. & 24. Dec. 17. & 18. Aff. 1638.*

**Parish Judges**, see *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Civil Remedy 1. Prophaneness, Act 2. in fine, and Act 4. in fine.*

**Parochial Visitations**, see *Visitations Presbyterial &c.*

**Pastor**, see *Ministers, Act 5. § 12.*

**Pastors**, see *Congregation.*

**Patrons and Patronages**, see *Lists of Expectants, Grievances of the Church, Representations.*

**Peace**, see *Unity in Religion, &c.*

**Penny-Bridals or Weddings**, see *Lykewakes, Act 2.*

I. THAT every Presbytery in the Kingdom take special Care for restraining the great Prophanity, and other Abuses which ordinarily fall forth at Penny-Bridals, as they shall think fit in their several Bounds *respective*, and that they take a strict Account of every Minister and Session, of their Obedience to the Ordinance of the Presbytery thereunto, at the Visitation of every Parish-Kirk in their Bounds. *Ses. ult. Feb. 12. Aff. 1645. revived by Act 39. Aff. 1707. which, see in Lykewakes.*

II. 'Tis recommended to Presbyteries to apply to the Judges ordinary for putting the Laws relating to Penny-Bridals in Execution, and the Comendation is appointed upon Representations from Presbyteries, of the

the Judges their refusal to apply to the Government for obliging them to execute their Office in this Matter. *Act 14. Ass. 1706.*

III. It's recommended to Synods, Presbyteries, and Kirk-Sessions, to see to the Execution of the Acts of Assembly against Abuses at Penny-Weddings, and to apply to the Civil Magistrate for the Execution of the Laws against Persons guilty of Abuses and Disorders on these Occasions. *Act 10. Ass. 1719.*

**Pecunial Pains, see Penalties.**

It's recommended and ordained, that Presbyteries diligently endeavour, that the 9th Act of the Parliament holden at Perth anno 1643, concerning the uplifting of Pecunial Pains to be employed upon pious Uses, may be put to due Execution within their several Bounds: As also, that the Acts of Parliament against excommunicated Persons, especially, the 20 Act of the Parliament in March 1647, be also carefully executed, and that they cause use all Diligence to that Effect, and that Account thereof be required in Provincial and General Assemblies. *Ses. 25. Aug. 28. Ass. 1647.*

**Pedagogues, see Papists, Act 4. § 4, 5. Act 8, 14. School-Masters. Act 2.**

**Penalties, see Pecunial Pains.**

PRESBYTERIES and Ministers *respective* are ordained to be diligent, by all Means, in procuring the full exact Execution of all Acts of Parliament made against Non-communicants, and excommunicated Persons, and other Acts containing Pecunial Pains for restraining of Vice, and advancing Piety, and for uplifting the said Penalties contained in the same, and for faithful Employment thereof upon pious Uses, and that every Presbytery Report their Diligence therein yearly to the General Assemblies. *Ses. 7. June 4. Ass. 1644.*

**Perth, see Articles of Perth.**

**Petition**

## Petition.

PETITION by the General Assembly 1645, to the Parliament, entreating them to proceed with some speedy Course of Justice against such Persons, as were known to have joined themselves either actually in Arms, or by their Councils, Supplies, or Encouragements, have strengthened the bloody Enemies of the Reformation, viz. The barbarous Irish who have invaded the Land; and treacherous Country men, who have joined them, and to resolve upon, and put in Execution, all lawful and possible ways of speedy and active pursuing and extirpating these barbarous and unnatural Enemies within the Kingdom: *Ses.* 14. Feb. 7. *M.* 1645.

*Philosophy*, see *Colleges*, Act 1. § 5. *Grammar*, *Students of Philosophy*.

*Pious Uses*, see *Penalties*.

*Places Civil*, see *Evils of the Kirk*.

'Tis declared, that as on the one Part, the Kirk and Ministers thereof are obliged to give their Advice and good Council in Matters concerning the Kirk, or the Conscience of any whatsoever, to His Majesty, to the Parliament, to the Council, or to any Member thereof for their Resolutions from the Word of God; so on the other Part, that it is both inexpedient and unlawful in this Kirk for Pastors separated unto the Gospel, to bruik Civil Places and Offices, as to be Justices of Peace, sit and determine in Council, Session, or Exchequer, to Ride or Vote in Parliament, to be Judges or Assessors in any Civil Judicatory, and all contrair Acts of Assembly are rescinded and annulled, and namely the Act of Assembly holden at Montrose 1600, which being prest by Authority, did rather for an *Interim* tolerate the same, limited by many Cautions, than in freedom of Judgment allow thereof, and Presbyteries are ordained to proceed with the Censures of the Church, against such as should transgress therein in time coming. *Act* *Ses.* 25. Dec. 19. *M.* 1638.



Place of Repentance, see Absolution, Act 1.

Gross Scandals, Act 2. Ministers, Act 5. § 5.

Plantation of Kirks, and planting of Churches, see Kirks, Act 1. Ministers, Act 5. § 13.

THAT all Presbyteries take special care, that the present Opportunity be diligently improved by all their Members, as need is, before the Commission of Plantation of Kirks, for the Provision, Plantation, convenient dividing, dismembering, better uniting or enlarging of Parish Kirks, as they would not be comfortable for their Neglect; and that every Presbytery send in to the next General Assembly the Names of all their Parishes, with Declarations which of them have Ministers, which not, what is the Largeness of their Bounds, Commodious, or Incommodious Situation of each Parish Kirk, what is the Number of Communicants, what Kirks are under Patrons, and what not; who are the several Patrons; what is the Nature and Quantity of the present Provision, or possible Ground of further Provision for competent maintenance, where the same is not sufficiently provided already: As also, what Parishes are united, or disunited, or bettered already, and in what Measure, by the said Commission, that the General Assembly being acquainted therewith, may do accordingly, both for censuring Neglecters, and finding out Overtures for better furtherance of the Work in time to come, and that the next ensuing Provincial Synods crave Account of the several Presbyteries their Diligence, and press that they may have it ready in writing to present to the Provincial Synods in April 1648, that so all may be in readiness, and the full Account made at the next General Assembly. Sess. 27. Aug. ult. A. 1647.

Pleas of Law, see Ministers, and there, Corruptions, in their Persons and Lives, § 5.

Poetry, see Colleges, Act 1. § 2.

Poetry Book, see Indications.

Poor, see Collections.

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**Poor's Money**, see *Visitations Presbyterial*, &c. Act 2.

**Popery and Popish Persons**, see *Papists*,  
**Popish Parents**, see *Papists*, &c. Act 3.  
§ 14.

**Power Intrinsick**, see *Assemblies*, Act 2. *Confession of Faith*, Act 6. *Evils of the Kirk*.

### Power of Church Judicatures.

CHURCH Judicatures have Power to convene and call before them any Persons within their Bounds, when the Ecclesiastick Business, which is before them, doth concern them, either as Party Witness, or otherwise; and to examine them according to the Nature of the Affair, and to hear and determine in such Cases as shall orderly come before them, and accordingly dispense Church Censures. *Form Proc. Cap. 1. § 5. Act 11. Ass. 1711.*

**Prayer and Prayer Solemn**, see *Prophaneness*, Act 3. § 2. *Excommunication the Greater*, *Tunes common*, *Ministers*, Act 1. and there, *Corruptions in their Office*, § 5. and *Corruptions in their Persons*, &c. § 6. and Act 2. and there, *Remedies of their Enormities*, § 9.

I. A Diet set apart for Prayer. Act 3. Ass. 1690.

II. ANOTHER Act 2. Ass. 1694.

III. ANOTHER Diet for Prayer, Act 4. Ass. 1695.

IV. ANOTHER set apart for Prayer, Act 5. General Assembly foreſaid, and the ſame obſerved, Act 6. of that Aſſembly.

V. It's unanimously recommended to all the Miniſters of this Church, that, in their publick Prayers, after praying for her Maſteſty Queen Anne, they expreſſy mention the Princeſſ Sophia, Electreſs and Dutcheſs Dowager of Hanover, and the Proteſtant Line in that Family upon whom the Succeſſion of the Crown of theſe Dominions, is by Law eſtabliſhed, or that they Pray in ſuch  
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Terms, as their Congregations may understand that they mean the Princess *Sophia*, and the Heirs of her Body being Protestants. *Act* 4. *Ass.* 1711.

**Preachers and Preaching**, see *Remedies of Sins*, and there, particular *Ecclesiastick Remedy* 1. *Irish Bursars*, &c. *Probationers*.

**Preaching in Publick.**

ALL Persons discharged to Preach in publick, under the Name and Notion of an Expectant, or under any other pretence whatsoever, except such as shall be tried and found qualified according to the Acts of the General Assembly; and it's recommended to Presbyteries and Provincials to take special Notice thereof, and to Censure the Transgressors accordingly. *Act* &c. 14. June 17. *Ass.* 1646.

**Preaching Deacons**, see *Titles of Dignity*.

**Precentors or Readers**, see *Congregations*, *Expectants*, *Act* 2. *School-Masters*, *Act* 1. *Schools*, *Act* 2.

**Prelacy**, see *Evils of the Kirk*.

**Prelatical Preachers**, see *Discipline*, *Act* 9. *Separatists*.

**Presbyteries**, see *Novations*, *Judicatories*, *Ministers*, *Act* 2. and there, *Remedies of their Enormities*, § 3, 5, 6, 7. *Army*, *Overtures*, *Act* 5. *Bursars*, *Correspondence*, *deposed Ministers*, *Papists*, *Confession of Faith*, *Act* 1, 6, 7, 8. *Marriage*, *Act* 2. *Associating in Presbyteries*, *Representatives*, &c. *Dissenting Voices*, *Provincial Assemblies*.

I. ALL Presbyteries erected since the Year 1586 are ratified, and new Presbyteries are erected according to a particular Note, registrate in the Books of Assembly. *Act* &c. 23. & 24. Dec. 17. & 18. § 1. & 2. *Ass.* 1638.

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II. It is declared, that the Power of Presbyteries and of Provincial and General Assemblies hath been unjustly Opprest, and never lawfully abrogated, and therefore, that it hath been most lawful to them (notwithstanding any Point unjustly objected by the Prelates to the contrail) to choose their own Moderators, and to exercise all the Parts of Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, according to their own Limits appointed them by the Kirk. *Act Sess. 13. Dec. 5. Aff. 1638.*

III. It is declared, That Presbyteries have Power to admit Ministers; and choose their own Moderators. *Act Sess. 23. & 24. Dec. 17. & 18. Aff. 1638. § 7.*

**Presbytery-books**, see *Papists*, *Act 4*, in prin. & *Act 12. § 3.*

**Presbytery-seats**, see *Schools*, *Act 2. § 1.*

**Presbyterian Government**, see *Unity*, &c. *Act 1.*

### Presbyterial Meetings.

**PRESBYTERIAL Meetings** are ordered to be kept weekly, both in Summer and Winter, (except in Places far distant) who during the Winter season (that is, betwixt the 1st of *October* and the 1st of *April*) are dispensed with, for meeting once in the *fourteen Days*; And all Absents are to be censured, especially those who should Exercise and Add. according to the Act of Assembly 1582, at *St. Andrew's*, *April 24. Sec. 12.* And that some controverted Head of Doctrine be handled in the Presbytery publicly, and disputed among the Brethren, every first Presbytery of the Month; according to the Act of Assembly helden at *Dunelm* 1598. *Sec. 12. Act 23 & 24, Dec. 17 & 18. Aff. 1638. § 2.*

**Prescription of Censures**, see *Censures*, *Over-*  
*-sures*, *Act 1.*

THESE THINGS BEING DECLARED, THE PRESBYTERIES AND ASSEMBLIES ARE ORDERED TO KEEP THE SAME IN FULL OBSERVANCE, AND TO REPORT TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARLIAMENT, THE MANNER AND EFFECTS OF THE SAME. *Act 23 & 24, Dec. 17 & 18. Aff. 1638. § 2.*

**Presentations to Benefices, and Seeking of them,** see *Ministers, Act 1*, and there, *Corruptions in their Office, § 3. Lists of Expectants.*

THAT the principal Places of the Realm be provided by Men of most worthy Gifts, Willdom and Experience. *Act March 26. 1596. Sess. 7. Ratified by Act Sess. 23 & 24. Dec. 17 & 18. Ass. 1638. Art. 9.*

**Preserving of Registers,** see *Registers.*

**Presumptions,** see *Uncleanness.*

**Priests,** see *Papists, Act 1, Act 4 in fine. Act 8, § 6, 7. Act 14.*

'Tis recommended to all Provincial Synods, Presbyteries and Kirk-sessions within this National Church, to take particular Notice of trafficking Priests: And 'tis appointed, that Lists be taken up of their Names, and given to the Privy Council, with an Address for executing the Laws against them. And 'tis recommended to Presbyteries, to advert to the Education of young Noblemen, Gentlemen and others, Children of Papish Parents, and to put the 7th Act of the General Assembly 1690 thereanent, in Execution. (which see in *Papists, &c.*) *Act 9. Ass. 1695.*

**Principal places of the Realm,** see *Presentations to Benefices.*

**Printing,** see *Acts of Assembly, Act 2, 3, 6.*

I. ALL Persons within the Kingdom are discharged and inhibited, to print any Act of the former Assemblies, or any of the Acts or Proceedings of that Assembly, any Confession of Faith, any Protestation, any Reasons pro or contra against the present Divisions and Controversies of this Time, or any other Treatise whatsoever, which may concern the Kirk of Scotland, or God's Cause in hand, without warrant subscribed by Mr. Archibald Johnston, as Clerk to the Assembly, and Advocate for the Kirk; or to reprint, with-

without his Warrant, any Acts or Treatises foresaid, which he hath caused any Others to print, under the Pain of Ecclesiastical Censures to be executed against the Transgressors by the several Presbyteries; and in case of their Refusal, by the several *Commissions* from this Assembly: Whereunto Civil Authority is also expected. *Act* 26. Dec. 20. *Ass.* 1638.

II. ALL Persons are prohibited and discharged to print any Petition, Address, Appeal, Reasons or Answers, or any Part of any Process to be brought in to the General Assembly, or any other Church-Judicatory, without Leave given by the respective Presbyteries, before whom the same is in Dependence: With Certification, That no Respect shall be had thereto, by reading or considering the same, in case they contravene this *Act*. 17. *Ass.* 1700.

*Prisors*, see *Titles of Dignity*.

*Private Administration of the Sacraments*, see *Orders of the Church, Sacraments, Articles of Perth*.

*Private Admonition*, see *Spreading of Scandals, Uncleanness, Appeals, Act* 6. § 7. *Ministers. Act* 5. § 8.

*Private Schools*, see *Colleges, Act* 1. § 3.

*Private Worship*, see *Worship*.

*Private Censures*, see *Remedies against Sins*, and there, *Ecclesiastick Remedy against Prophaneness*, 11. *Exercise and Addition. Prophaneness, Act* 3. § 3.

*Privileges of the Church*, see *Universities, Act* 4. 5. *Oaths, Act* 2.

*Privilege of the North*, see *North, Act* 4.

*Probation*, see *Witnesses, Oath, Excommunication the Greater*.

In case of Contumacy, Probation is to be led, tho' the Delinquent be absent. *Form Prot. Cap.* 8. § 7. *Act* 11. *Ass.* 1707.

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Probationers, see *Confession of Faith*, Act 7,  
8. *Students, Intrants, Preachers, Irish Bur-*  
*sars, &c. Ministers*, Act 7. *Overtures*, Act  
7. *Prophaneness*, Act 3. § 4. *North*, Act  
9, 11, 14, 16, 20. *Licensing*.

I. T H A T no Presbytery admit any Person to Trial, in order to Preaching, but such as are of sound Principles; and of a sober, grave, prudent and pious Behaviour, and of whom they have Ground to conceive good Hopes that they shall be useful and edifying in the Church: And for this End, 'tis appointed, That such Persons shall produce, before the Presbyteries who admit them to Trial, sufficient Testimonials from the Ministers of the Parishes where they lived, and from the Presbyteries in whose Bounds they reside; and also from the Professors of Divinity where they may have attended the Profession for some Time: And if the said Persons come from a Place where there is no Presbytery, yet constituted according to the legal Establishment, they shall produce Testificates from the next adjacent Presbytery; who are to inform themselves concerning their Principles and Behaviour, and to testifie of them accordingly. And the Assembly appoints, That when such Persons are first licensed to be Probationers, they shall oblige themselves to preach only within the Bounds, or by the Direction of that Presbytery which did licence them: And they shall also, by Promise and Subscription engage themselves, that they shall be subject to the Presbytery that did licence them, or to any other Church-judicatory, wherein by Providence they shall have their Abode, for shorter or longer Time; and that they shall follow no divisive Course: And this their Engagement shall be insert in the Body of their Licence. And further 'tis appointed, That when they are removing from that Presbytery which did licence them, they shall carry with them an Extract of their Licence, and a Testimonial from the Presbytery of their Carriage; which they are to present to the Presbytery to which they come, or at least, to some Minister therein, before they preach within that Bounds: And which Minister is not to employ them, except in his own Pulpit, until he give Notice thereof to the Presbytery at their

their next Meeting, and have their Allowance. 'Tis also appointed, That the Presbytery to which the said Probationers do so come, shall require the same Subjection and orderly Carriage from the said Probationers, during their Abode in that Bounds, to which they were engaged to the Presbytery by which they were licensed: And if they go to any Place where a Presbytery is not yet constituted according to the legal Establishment, they shall be obliged, before they preach in that Bounds, to make their Address to the next adjacent and legally established Presbytery, to whom they shall be subject, and by whom they shall be directed as aforesaid. And in case the said Probationers shall converse in Doctrine or Conversation, they shall be accountable to, and censurable by the said respective Judicatories, as they shall see Cause. And if the said Probationers refuse Subjection, or prove contumacious to such Censure, whether of Reproof, Suspending from the Exercise of their Licence, or of recalling the said Licence; Intimation shall be made thereof by the said Judicatories, to the neighbouring Judicatories, or where they shall understand the said Probationers are; that so none may employ them to preach, nor their after-irregularities be imputed to the Presbyteries that did licence them, or where they afterwards had their Abode. And 'tis provided and declared, That the foresaid Probationers are not to be esteemed, by themselves or others, to preach by virtue of any Pastoral Office, but only to make way for their being called to a Pastoral Charge. *As 10. Aff. 1694.*

II. The punctual Observance of all Acts already made, concerning Probationers or Intrants to the Ministry, is seriously recommended to all Presbyteries; and some Overtures, about licensing Probationers, and the Trial of them, or Intrants to the Ministry, are transmitted, and the Observance of them recommended, until the next Assembly. *As 13. Aff. 1708.*

III. 'Tis enacted, That none be admitted to Trials, in order to be licensed, but such as have attended the Profession of Divinity for six Years, or have closely followed the Study of Divinity and of the Languages, for that Space at least, after they have pass'd their Course of Philosophy at the College, and made Proficiency therein, in case their Circumstances did not allow them to attend the Profession; tho' it were to be desired, that they should attend the Profession of Divinity much of that Time: But this is not extended to Students having the *Irish* Language

guage; providing, that before any Presbytery licence such Students within the said Six Years, they first consult the General Assembly, or the *Commission* thereof, in the Matter. And 'tis further ordained, That none be licensed in any Presbytery, except they have resided therein for the Space of Six Years, or do produce to them sufficient Testimonials from the Presbyteries in whose Bounds they have last, or for the most part resided; bearing expressly, That it is the Desire of these Presbyteries, that these Students should be entred upon Trials. And such Students as come from Abroad, shall produce satisfying Testimonials from the Professors under whom they studied; and the Time of their being Abroad shall be accounted a Part of the said Six Years: But none of these Students shall be entred on Trials, for the Space of a whole Year after they come to Scotland. And 'tis also ordained, That, the above Space of Six Years being expired, and Testimonials produc'd in manner foresaid, the Presbytery which is to take Trial of these Students, shall, before they enter them upon Trials in order to be licensed, write Letters to all the other Presbyteries within the Synod, acquainting them with their Design; and at the next Meeting of the Synod, they shall also acquaint the Synod thereof, and obtain their special Advice and Judgment in that Particular. And the punctual Observance of all Acts already made concerning Probationers and Intrants to the Ministry, is seriously recommended to all Presbyteries; and that, before any Presbyteries receive any upon Trials, in order to his being licensed, Three or Four of their Number be appointed to converse with him, and take Trial of his Orthodoxy, Knowledge in Divinity; particularly, the modern Controversies, and other necessary Qualifications for the Ministry, and what Sense and Impression he has of Religion upon his own Soul; and that they make Report of their Diligence herein, before the Presbytery admit him to the Probationary Trials. And Presbyteries are discharged to put the Call of any Parish into the Hand of the Probationer called; And they are appointed to keep the same still in their own Hands, until the said Probationer's Trials be over, and that the Presbytery be fully satisfied, both as to his Sufficiency and Fitness for that Parish, and certain Questions are appointed to be put to all such as pass Trials in order to be licensed; as also, to such as shall be ordained Ministers,



or admitted to any Ministerial Charge or Parish: And a *Formula* is set down, which they are appointed to subscribe before they be licensed, ordained or admitted respectively. And the Licensing, Ordaining, or Admitting any who shall not give satisfying Answers to these Questions, and subscribe the *Formula* here subjoined, is prohibited and discharged. Follows the

*Questions to be put to Probationers.*

1<sup>mo</sup>. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, and the only Rule of Faith and Manners? 2<sup>do</sup>. Do you sincerely own and believe the whole Doctrine of the *Confession of Faith*, approved by the General Assemblies of this National Church, and ratified by Law in the Year 1690, and frequently confirmed by divers Acts of Parliament since that Time, to be the Truths of God contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments? And do you own the whole Doctrine therein contained as the Confession of your Faith? 3<sup>tho</sup>. Do you sincerely own the Purity of Worship presently authorized and practised in this Church, and asserted in the 15th *Act* of *Ass.* 1707, entituled, *Act against Innovations in the Worship of God*? And also own the Presbyterian Government and Discipline, now so happily established in this Church? And are you perswaded, that the said Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Church-Government are founded upon the holy Scriptures, and agreeable thereto? 4<sup>tho</sup>. Do you promise, That, through the Grace of God, you will firmly and constantly adhere to, and in your Station, to the utmost of your Power, assert, maintain and defend the said Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, and the Government of this Church by Kirk-Sessions, Presbyteries, Provincial Synods and General Assemblies? 5<sup>tho</sup>. Do you promise, That in your Practice you will conform your self to the said Worship, and submit your self to the said Discipline and Government of this Church? And shall never endeavour, directly nor indirectly, the Prejudice or Subversion of the same? 6<sup>tho</sup>. Do you promise, That you shall follow no divisive Courses from the present Establishment of the Church? 7<sup>tho</sup>. Do you renounce all Doctrines, Tenets or Opinions whatsoever, contrary to, or inconsistent

ent with the said Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government of this Church? Follows the

Formula.

I ———, Do hereby declare, That I do sincerely own and believe the whole Doctrine contained in the Confession of Faith approved by the General Assemblies of this National Church, and ratified by Law in the Year 1690, and frequently confirmed by divers Acts of Parliament since that Time; to be the Truths of God: And I do own the same as the Confession of my Faith. As likewise, I do own the Purity of Worship presently authorized and practised in this Church; And also, the Presbyterian Government and Discipline, now so happily established therein: Which Doctrine, Worship and Church-Government, I am persuaded, are founded upon the Word of God, and agreeable thereto. And I promise, That, through the Grace of God, I shall firmly and constantly adhere to the same; and, to the utmost of my Power, shall, in my Station, assert, maintain and defend the said Doctrine, Worship, Discipline, and Government of this Church by Kirk-Sessions, Presbyteries, Provincial Synods and General Assemblies; And that I shall, in my Practice, conform my self to the said Worship, and submit to the said Discipline and Government; and never endeavour, directly or indirectly, the Prejudice or Subversion of the same. And I promise, That I shall follow no divisive Course from the present Establishment in this Church: Renouncing all Doctrines, Tenets and Opinions whatsoever, contrary to, or inconsistent with the said Doctrine, Worship, Discipline and Government of this Church. Act 10. Ass. 1711.

IV. FOR Explication of the said Act 10. Ass. 1711, 'tis declared to be fit, That, before one Presbytery grant a Recommendation or Desire to another Presbytery, for entering a Student of Divinity upon Trials, they take the usual private Trial, appointed by the said Act to be taken of such Students, as if they were to be pass'd before themselves. Act 10. Ass. 1713.

V. THE strict Observation of Act 5. Ass. 1703, which see in Schools, and of Act 10. Ass. 1711. concerning young Men to be entred on Trials, (which see *supra*) and other Acts of Assembly, about Trying and Licensing Probationers, is seriously recommended to all Professors of Divinity, & Presbyteries within this Church: And 'tis further recommended to Presbyteries, that they cause read to the young Men about to be tried, the Engagements required, by the said Act 10. Ass. 1711, of such as are to be licensed; And that they

they take a Promise of the said young Men, That they will subscribe to, and punctually observe the same, in case they be licensed. And Presbyteries are desired to record this their Promise in their Books, and to cause all this to be done before any Part of the publick Trials be prescribed: And in case of Students their bringing Testimonials from their Professors, or from Presbyteries wherein they have for the most part resided, in the Terms of the foresaid Acts, in order to their passing Trials in some other Presbytery; such Presbytery, to whom they come so recommended, are not to begin their Trials, until they have resided at least Half an Year immediately before, in their Bounds: And the Visitors of Presbytery-books are appointed to report to their Synods, an Account of the Diligence of the several Presbyteries in this Matter: But 'tis provided, That what is above contained shall not be extended to Students having the *Irish* Language. *Act* 6. *Ass.* 1714.

VI. THE ordinary Allowances payable by the Acts of Assembly to Preachers, sent from Time to Time by the Assembly or *Commissions* thereof, to supply vacant Churches, in order to be settled in the *North*, the Highlands and Islands, are appointed to be paid next to the stated annual Charges of the Church, and before any other Claim and Demand whatsoever, that shall be made out of the Church's publick Money. *Act* 3. *Ass.* 1715.

**Processes, see Competency of Judicatures, &c.**

I. THAT all Processes or other Papers be delivered to the Clerk, in the Intervals betwixt the Diets of the Assemblies Meeting: Declaring, That such as shall be otherwise delivered, shall be laid aside for that Diet. *Act* 7. *Ass.* 1694.

II. THE Form of Process in the Judicatures of this Church, with relation to Scandals and Censures, is ratified and approven, and ordained to be observed, as fix'd binding Rules and Directions in the whole Matters therein contained, except the 7, 8 & 9 Paragraphs of Chap. 4. and what concerns the *Oath of Purgation* As to which, 'tis only recommended to Church-Judicatures, to regulate themselves according to the Advice therein insinuated, as they shall find most for Edification. *Act* 11. *Ass.* 1707.



Procces against Ministers, see Ministers,  
Act 5.

### Proclamation.

SUCH as have been prime Instruments of the publishing of the Marques of Montrose his Proclamation for enditing a pretended Parliament, or any such like Proclamation, and Declaration, are declared to deserve the highest Censures of the Kirk, unless they make humble Confession of their Offence publicly, in such Manner as is prescribed by that Assembly: And 'tis recommended to the Committee of Estates, to take some Course for their exemplary civil Punishment; and that some publick Note of Ignominy be put upon that Proclamation. *Sess. 14. June 17. Ass. 1646.*

### Proclamation of Banns, see Marriage.

I. MARRIAGE, without Proclamation of Banns, discharged, conform to the former Acts; except the Presbytery, in some necessary Exigents, dispense therewith. *Act Sess. 23 & 24. Decem. 17 & 18. Ass. 1638. Act 21.*

II. SOME Overtures concerning Proclamation of Banns transmitted to Presbyteries. *Act 18. Ass. 1698.* And these Overtures approved thus, viz.

III. 'Tis declared, That, before any Proclamations be made, the Names and Designations of the Persons to be married and their Parents, Tutors and Curators, if they any have, be given up to the Minister of the Bounds in which any of them live and reside, that thereby it may be known, if their Parents and Friends give Consent thereto; And that the Minister, being satisfied herein, order the Proclamation to be made Three several Sabbaths: Which, when made, shall be immediately before Divine Worship begin in the Forenoon; And the Persons to be proclaimed, their Names and full Designations, by which they are designed in Writs, and the Contracts of Marriage, be fully and audibly express'd: And that, where there are more Churches collegiated in the Place or Town, the Proclamation be made, in all and every one of the Churches within the City or Town, where they or any of the Persons to be married reside; and this to be attested to the Minister that marries them. With Certification of the Censures of the Church against the Transgressors herein. *Act 5. Ass. 1699.*

IV. 'Tis appointed, That the Acts of Assembly concerning Proclamation of Banns be duly observed; And that Enquiry be made, that the Persons desiring Marriage be not within the forbidden Degrees, and be single and free Persons; and that all concerned do consent. *Act 5. Ass. 1711.*

*Prophaneness, see Markets, Sabbaths, Lord's-Day.*

I. ALL Ministers, and all who fear God are exhorted and required to have on their Hearts a deep, humbling, and Soul affecting Sense of the Gross and abominable Sins and Vices that abound in this Nation, and be much in Prayer and Supplication before GOD on this Account, and that all the Ministers of this Church preach plainly and faithfully against these Vices, and denounce the threatned Judgments of GOD against such Evil Doers, and deal earnestly and much with their Consciences, to bring them to a Conviction and Sense of their Sin and Danger, and Church Judicatories are appointed faithfully to exercise Church Discipline against all such scandalous Offenders, with that Gravity, Prudence and Meekness of Wisdom, as by the Blessing of GOD, may prove an effectual Mean of reforming and recovering the Guilty, and of preventing the like Sins in others. And it's required, that care be taken in the receiving of Servants, and that they have Testimonials of their Honest and Christian Behaviour, and that the same be required of all others who sit and remove from one Parish to another. And it's appointed, that the Ministers and Elders in each Congregation take care, that the Worship of God be performed in the several Families thereof; and if any Family be found which neglecteth this necessary Duty, the Head of that Family is to be gravely, seriously, and earnestly admonished until he amend his Fault: And it's recommended to Ministers and Kirk-Sessions, that none be ruling Elders who make not Conscience of this necessary and unquestionable Duty, and no grossly ignorant and scandalous Person be admitted to the Lord's Table. And it's recommended to all Ministers and Kirk-Sessions, that they carefully apply to the several Magistrates of their Bounds, that the Acts of Parliament against

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Prophaneness may be put in Execution, and particularly the Act of Parliament June 15. 1693, Intituled, *Against Prophaneness*, and this Act is ordained to be publickly read and intimated in all Churches, *MS 13. Ass.*

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II. IN the first place, all the People of this Church and Nation are in the Aw and Dread of the great God, who will not hold them Guiltless that break any of his Commands, beseeched, warned, and obtested to break off their Sins by Repentance, and seriously, in the Fear of the Lord, to apply themselves to a sober, conscientious, Christian and circumspect Walk in all Manner of Conversation, as becomes the Professors of the glorious Gospel of the blessed GOD, and of that Religion which is pure and undefiled, as they would not incur the heavy Displeasure and just Indignation of the Holy One, in being excluded for ever from seeing his Face in Peace, and pull down his Temporal Judgments upon themselves, and upon the Land. And next, all Ministers of this Church are required, freely and faithfully to preach against the enormous Sins of prophane and idle Swearing, Cursing, Sabbath-breaking; prophane withdrawing from, and Contempt of Gospel-Ordinances; yea, opposing the dispensing of them, by hindering the planting of Churches, and discouraging the Endeavours of others for calling and fixing a faithful Gospel-Ministry among them, mocking of Piety and Religion, and the Exercises thereof, Fornication, Adultery, Drunkenness, excessive Tippling, Deism, Blasphemy, and other gross abominable Sins, as the crying Sins of the Time, that People may be brought to a Conviction and Sense of their hainousness and Danger, and may reform, not only for fear, but from Conscience. And it's appointed, that Presbyteries and Kirk-Sessions do faithfully and Impartially exercise Church-Discipline against all such scandalous Offenders, and use all futable Means in dealing with their Consciences to bring them to an unfeigned Repentance and Reformation: And it's recommended to Ministers and Members of Kirk-Sessions, from a true Zeal for GOD, to hold Hand to the delating, informing against, and punishing of all prophane Transgressors, without respect of Persons, by civil Punishments, conform to the Acts of Parliament made in that Behalf; and that they record their Diligence in their Session-Books, that the same may

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be seen by their Presbyteries, who are required to make enquiry therein, at their Visitations; and lest any may be found backward in performing their respective Duties, from an Unwillingness to displease or disoblige Persons of Note, who may happen to be Guilty, all Ministers and Elders, and all Christians are exhorted to remember, that in this Matter they have to do with the great and terrible God, whose Honour is to be preferred, and whose Wrath is to be feared before all other Considerations whatsoever. And it's overtur'd, that whatever Minister or Member of Kirk-Session be found faulty in neglecting to pursue the foresaid Scandals in their Stations, the said Minister or Member of Kirk-Session be complained of, and censured by the Presbytery for the first Fault, and that the Censure be recorded; and that the second Negligence be delated to, and censured by the Synod; and that for the third Neglect, they be censured by the Synod with Suspension, to be recorded in the Synod-Register; and this Overture is turned in an Act *infra* Ass. 1699. And it's recommended to each Minister or Kirk-Session, who shall find Cause to Complain of a Magistrate for Negligence in executing the said Laws, or for refusing Deputation and Commission to such Persons as are duly elected and presented to them from Parishes where there is no ordinary Magistrate residing conform to the Act of Parliament *Octob.* 9. 1696, that they acquaint their Presbyteries therewith, and that the said Presbytery having used all previous Means in dealing with the Consciences of the said Magistrates, without any good Effect, do, with the Kirk-Agent, thereafter pursue the said negligent or refractory Magistrate before the Lords of Council and Session, according to the foresaid Acts of Parliament, and that this Act be read in all Churches within this Kingdom twice a Year from the Pulpit, *scilicet* upon the first Sabbaths after *Whitsunday*, and *Martinmas* yearly. *Act* 11. *Ass.* 1697.

III. SOME Overtures against *Prophaneness* transmitted to Presbyteries, *Act* 15. *Ass.* 1698, and these Overtures approyen thus, *viz.* 1700. All Ministers are beseeched, exhorted, and required in the Aw and Dread of GOD, by the coming of our Lord *Jesus Christ*, and our gathering together unto him, that they take heed to themselves, and to their Doctrine, and endeavour to be Examples to the People in all Bloty, Purity and Holi-

Holiness, in all Manner of Conversation. 2do. That they be frequent and fervent in secret Prayer for themselves and the People committed to them, joining sometime Fasting with Prayer: And it's recommended to Ministers and Elders in their several Parishes, and Ministers in their several Presbyteries, to meet sometimes together in their Parishes and Presbyteries *respective*, for private Fasting and Prayer, and Conference anent the State of the Church, and that Part of it in which they have special Interest, with Respect to the Growth or Decay of Godliness, and Success of the Gospel therein. 3tio. That Presbyteries be more accurate in managing their privy Censures, and that a Day be set apart for that purpose only, and spent in Prayer and Fasting together. 4to. That Presbyteries be very cautious in admitting Intrants to the Ministry, and be accurate and exact in the Trial, not only of their Literature, but of their Piety, Prudence, and former godly Conversation and Walk. 5to. That Ministers be painful in Catechising, frequent in visiting Families, and in private personal Conference with these of their Charge, about the State of their Souls, and that Ministers be more frequent in the Administration of the *Lord's Supper*, and always edifying in their Converse and Discourse, and that they deal with Heads of Families to engage them to Piety, and a Care to reform their Families, and to set up and keep up the Worship of God therein, and in particular, that Ministers endeavour by all prudent and gaining Gospel-Methods, to engage Persons of Honour and Power, to fall in Love with Holiness, and to reckon it, as indeed it is, their greatest Honour, and that in dealing with such of them as are vicious, an humble, and yet holy Boldness and Zeal be used in admonishing them, in order to their Recovery; and that herein Presbyteries appoint some others of their Number to concur with the Minister of the Place, as may be most for Edification. 6to. It's recommended that Kirk-Sessions and Presbyteries be Vigorous, Impartial, and yet Prudent, in the exercise of Church-Discipline, against all Immorality, especially Drunkenness and Filthiness, cursing and swearing, and prophaneing the *Lord's Day*, which too much abound, and that they apply to the Magistrates for executing the good Laws made against Immorality and Profaneness. 7mo. It's recommended to all Ministers, where  
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the People sit too long in Taverns, especially on the *Saturday* Night, thro' which some neglect the publick Worship in the *Lord's-Day* in the Forenoon, and others attend the Worship drowsily, that they represent to the People, both publickly and privately, the Sin and Evil thereof, and call them to redeem that Time which they have free from Business, and to employ it for Converse with God about their Souls-State, and in Preparation for the Sabbath, which will yield more Delight than all sensual Pleasures can do; and all Magistrates of Burghs are exhorted to be assistant to Ministers in enquiring into, and reforming such Abuses, And sicklike, the foresaid Act of the Assembly, dated the 11 January 1697. *Ses. 8.* against *Prophaneness*, is revived, and the Overtures therein contained anent censuring such Ministers and Members of Session, as are Negligent in pursuing Scandals, is approved. And the punctual Observation of the said Acts and Overtures, and Obedience thereto, by all Presbyteries, Ministers, Elders, and Sessions, as they are concerned in their several Stations, as they will be answerable, is recommended and enacted, *Act 7. Ass. 1699.*

IV. 'Tis recommended to the Commission, to appoint some of their Number, with the Clerk, to draw up an Abstract of all the Acts of Assemblies against *Prophaneness* and *Immorality*, both before and since the late Revolution, which being revised by the Commission, may be by them ordered to be printed, together with the Abstract of the Acts of Parliament against *Prophaneness*, in a small Volumn, and each Presbytery is enjoined twice a Year at least, at Diets appointed in *hunc effectum*, to read these, and to enquire at each Minister what is done by them for Execution thereof; and every Synod is ordained to take a strict Account of Presbyteries their Diligence and Faithfulness therein: And it's recommended to all Presbyteries to think seriously what may be further needful for restraining of Wickedness, and advancing of Piety and the Kingdom of *Christ* in the Nation, and to send in their Opinions concerning the same, to the immediate subsequent Assembly, who might take these to their serious Consideration, and make this their chief and first Work. *Act 11. Ass. 1704.*

V. ALL Magistrates, Ministers and Elders are seriously exhorted in their respective Capacities, to hold  
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Hand to the Execution of the Laws against *Prophaneness*, according to the foresaid 11 Act of the Assembly 1697, and 7 Act of Assembly 1699. made against *Prophaneness*, and particularly, 'tis recommended to Ministers and Kirk-Sessions, to apply to the Civil Magistrate in that Matter, as the Law allows and requires, and upon the inferior Magistrates Neglect or Refusal to put the Laws against *Prophaneness* in Execution, that the Kirk-Session, with concurrence of the Presbytery, complain to the Government for Redress, according to Law. And Lastly, It's recommended to Presbyteries, to enquire diligently at their privy Censures and parochial Visitations, how Ministers and Kirk-Sessions have obeyed this Recommendation. *Act 13. Ass. 1706.*

VI. QUEEN Anne's Proclamation against *Prophaneness*, dated August 18. 1708. with the Abbreviate of the Laws subjoined thereto. As also, the 13. Act of Assembly 1694, the 11th Act of Assembly 1697, and 7th Act of Assembly 1699, all which see *Supra*, 7th Act of Assembly 1697, which see in *Worship Secres*, &c. are appointed to be Reprinted in a small Volumn, and a Copy thereof to be sent to every Parish and Kirk-Session, Presbytery and Synod in Scotland; and the said Proclamation and Abbreviate are appointed to be read from the Pulpits of all the Churches in Scotland, on a certain Day mentioned in the Act, and thereafter as often, and at such Times as the several Synods and Presbyteries shall judge it needful and convenient; and Synods and Presbyteries are ordained to record their Diligence in this Matter in their Books. *Act 5. Ass. 1714.*

VII. KING George's Proclamation against *Prophaneness*, as also the Abbreviate of the Laws against *Immorality* are appointed to be read in all the Churches on a certain Day; and the 5th Act of Assembly 1714. immediately above-written: As also the 11 Act of the same Assembly, which see in *Papery*, are renewed. *Act 13. Ass. 1715.*

**Prophaners of the Sabbath, see Sabbath.**

**Profession of Repentance, see Absolution,**  
**Gross Scandals, Act 2. § 4. Ministers, Act**  
**5. § 5.**

**Professors**

**Professors of Theology**, see *Old Ministers*,  
*Transplantations*, &c. *Act* 1. § 3. *Students*  
*of Theology*, *Act* 1. 2. *Schools*, *Act* 4.  
*Doctrine*, *Act* 4.

I. If Professors of Theology in Universities be Ministers, they may be chosen Commissioners to the General Assemblies, either by the Presbytery as Ministers, or by the University as Professors of Divinity. *Act* Sess 3. Aug. 2. *Ass.* 1643.

II. THAT Provincials diligently consider and try, who within their Bounds most probably may be fit for a Profession in the Schools, and Report their Names to the General Assembly, that such may be stirred up and encouraged by the General Assembly, to compose and frame their Studies, that they may be fitted for such Places. *Act* Sess. ult. Feb. 13. *Ass.* 1645.

III. FOR keeping the Universities pure, and provoking the Professors of Divinity to greater Diligence, they are desired to present to the next Assembly their Dictates of Divinity, and the Professors present to give Intimation to the Professors absent; but the Determination of an Overture proposing it as a constant and perpetual Order, that each Professor in the Universities within this Church and Kingdom, bring with them, or send with the Commissioners who comes to the General Assembly, a perfect, and well written Copy of his Dictates, to be revised by the General Assembly, or such as they shall appoint for that Work, ilk Year, is continued till the next Assembly, *Sess.* ult. June 18. *Ass.* 1646.

**Promise of Marriage**, see *Overtures*, *Act* 2.

**Promiscuous Dancing**, see *Dancing*, *Lyke-wakes*, *Act* 2.

**Propositions for Kirk Government**, see *Ordination*, *Act* 2.

THE following Eight General Heads of Doctrine, contained and asserted in the Hundred and Eleven Propositions exhibited and tendered by some Brethren, who

who were appointed to prepare Articles and Propositions, for vindicating of the Truth against the dangerous Tenets of *Erastianism* and Independency, falsely called *Liberty of Conscience*. are unanimously approved, and agreed unto, viz. 1<sup>mo</sup>. That the Ministry of the Word, and Administration of the Sacraments of the New Testament, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, are standing Ordinances instituted by God himself, and to continue in the Church to the End of the World: 2<sup>do</sup>. That such as administer the Word and Sacraments, ought to be duly called and ordained thereunto. 3<sup>do</sup>. That some Ecclesiastical Censures are proper and peculiar to be inflicted only upon such as bear Office in the Kirk, other Censures are common, and may be inflicted both on Ministers and other Members of the Kirk. 4<sup>do</sup>. That the Censure of Suspension from the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper inflicted because of gross Ignorance, or because of a scandalous Life and Conversation: As likewise, the Censure of Excommunication, or casting out of the Kirk flagitious, or contumacious Offenders, are both warranted by, and grounded upon the Word of God, and are necessary (in Respect of divine Institution) to be in the Kirk. 5<sup>do</sup>. That as the Rights, Power, and Authority of the Civil Magistrate are to be maintained according to the Word of God, and the Confession of the Faith of the reformed Kirks; so it is no less true and certain, that the Lord *Jesus Christ*, the only Head and only King of the Kirk, hath instituted and appointed a Kirk-Government distinct from the Civil Government or Magistracy. 6<sup>do</sup>. That the Ecclesiastical Government is committed and entrusted by Christ to the Assemblies of the Kirk made up of Ministers of the Word, and Ruling Elders. 7<sup>mo</sup>. That the lesser and inferior Ecclesiastical Assemblies ought to be subordinate, and subject unto the greater and superior Assemblies. 8<sup>vo</sup>. That notwithstanding hereof, the Civil Magistrate may, and ought to suppress by corporal and civil Punishments such, as by spreading Error or Heresy, or by fomenting Schism, greatly dishonour God, dangerously hurt Religion, and disturb the Peace of the Kirk; which Heads of Doctrine, the Assembly declares they firmly believe, own, maintain, and commend unto others, as solid, true, and Orthodox, grounded upon the Word of God, and consonant to the Judgment both of the ancient and best reformed Kirks; and a more

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particular Examination of these one hundred and eleven Propositions is committed and referred to the Theological Faculties in the four Universities of this Kingdom, and the Judgment of each of these Faculties, concerning the same, appointed to be reported to the next General Assembly; and Presbyteries are appointed to send their Judgment concerning the same to the next Assembly, and any others that please to peruse them, are allowed to make known, or send their Judgment concerning them to the said Assembly. *Act &c. ult. Sept. 1. Ass. 1647.*

**Protestation,** see *Dissenting Voices.*

**Provincial Assemblies,** see *Synods, Presbyteries, Act 2.*

**1. THE Order of the Provincial Assemblies,** as then given in by the most ancient of the Ministry within every Province, as the ancient Plat-Form thereof, ordained to be observed, conform to the Roll Registrare in the Books of Assembly. *Ses. 23. & 24. Dec. 17. & 18. Ass. 1638. Art. 11.*

*Follows the Tenor of the Roll containing the Numbers of the Presbyteries in each Province, and the Bounds in which they lie, and the Diets and Places of Meeting of each Synod.*

**1. The Provincial Assembly of Merse and Teviotdale.**

The Presby- teries of	{ Danse, Chirnside, Kelfo, Ersleton, Jedburgh, Melrofs.	The Bounds.	{ Merse, Teviotdale, The Forrest, Lauderdale.
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**To meet the first Time at Jedburgh, the third Tuesday of April.**

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2. *The Provincial of Lothian.*

The Presby-	{	Dunbar,	{	The	{	East-Lothian,
teries of		Haddingtoun,		Bounds,		West-Lothian,
		Dalkeith,				Tweeddale.
		Edinburgh,				
		Peebles,				
		Linlithgow				

To meet the first Time at *Edinburgh* the third Tuesday of April.

3. *The Provincial of Perth.*

The Presby-	{	Perth,	{	The	{	The Sheriff-
tries of		Dunkeld,		Bounds,		dom of Perth
		Auchterarder,				and Stirling-
		Stirling,				shire.
		Dumblain.				

To meet the first Time at *Perth* the second Tuesday of April.

4. *The Provincial of Dumfries.*

The Presby-	{	Dumfries,	{	The	{	Nisbdale, An-
tries of		Penpont,		Bounds,		nandale, Ew-
		Lochmabane,				dale, Eikdale,
		Middalebee.				Wacchopdale, &
						a part of Gal-
						loway.

To meet the first Time at *Dumfries* the second Tuesday of April.

5. *The Provincial of Galloway.*

The Presby-	{	Wigtoun,	{	The	{	The Sheriff-
teries of		Kirkcudbright,		Bounds,		dom of Wigt-
		Stranraer.				oun, & Stewar-
						try of Kirkcud-
						bright.

To meet the first Time at *Wigtoun* the third Tuesday of April.

## The Provincial Synod of Air or Irvine.

The Presbyteries of { Air, Irvine, } The Bounds, { The Sheriffdom of Air.

To meet the Provincial Synod of Glasgow *pro hac vice* the first Tuesday of April.

## 6. The Provincial Synod of Glasgow.

The Presbyteries of { Paisly, Dumbartoun, Glasgow, Hamiltoun, Lanerk. } The Bounds, { Shire of Lennox, the Barony of Renfrew, the Shire of Cliddisdale, Orkney & Nether.

To meet the Provincial Synod of Air and Irvine at Glasgow, *pro hac vice*.

## 7. The Provincial Synod of Argyle, desired to be erected in several Presbyteries, according to the Note given in.

The Presbyteries of { Dunnoon, Kinloch, Inverary, Kilmoir, Sky. } The Bounds, { The Sheriffdoms of Argyle and Bute, with a Part of Lochaber.

To meet the first Time at Inverary, the Fourth Tuesday of April.

## 8. The Provincial Synod of Fife.

The Presbyteries of { St. Andrew's, Coupar, Kirkaldie, Dumfermling. } The Bounds, { The Sheriffdom of Fife.

To meet the first Time at Coupar in Fife, the first Tuesday of April.

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9. The Provincial Synod of Angus & Mearns.

The Presby- teries of	{ Meegle, Dundee, Aberbrothwick, Fofgar, Beechine, Mearns.	The Bounds.	{ The Sheriff- doms of For- far & Mearns.

To meet the first Time at Dundee the Third Tuesday of April.

10. The Provincial Synod of Aberdeen.

The Presby- teries of	{ Aberdeen, Rincardine, Alford, Garrioch, Ellon, Deer, Turreff, Foydice.	The Bounds.	{ The Sheriff- doms of Ab- berdeen and Bamff.

To meet the first Time at New Aberdeen, the Third Tuesday of April.

11. The Provincial Synod of Murray.

The Presby- teries of	{ Inverness, Forrest, Elgin, Strathbogie, Abernethy, Aberlour.	The Bounds.	{ The Sheriffdoms of Inverness in part, Nairn in part, Murray, Bamff in part, Ab- berdeen in part.

To meet the first Time at Forrest, the last Tuesday of April.

12. The Provincial Synod of Ross.

The Presby- teries of	{ Chanowie, Turn, Dingwall.	The Bounds.	{ The Sheriff- dom of In- verness in part.

To meet the first Time at Chanowie the Second Tuesday of April.

13. *The Provincial Synod of Caithness.*

The Presby-  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Dornoch,} \\ \text{Week, or} \\ \text{teries of } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Thurso,} \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right\}$  The  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Caithness,} \\ \text{Bounds. } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Sutherland.} \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right\}$

To meet the first Time at *Dornoch*, the Third Tuesday of April.

14. *The Provincial Synod of Orkney and Zetland.*

The Presby-  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Kirkwall,} \\ \text{teries of } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Scallaway.} \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right\}$  The  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{The Sheriff-} \\ \text{dom of Ork-} \\ \text{ney \& Zetland.} \end{array} \right\}$  Bounds.

To meet the first Time at *Kirkwall*, the Second Tuesday of April.

15. *The Provincial Synod of the Isles.*

ALL Kirks of the Northwest Isles, viz. *Skye, Lewis*, and the rest of the Isles, which were liable to the Diocess of the Isles, except the Southwest Isles which are joined to the Presbyteries of *Argyle*, to meet the first Time at *Sky*, the Second Tuesday of May. *Nota*, The Commission, by a Reference from Assembly 1644, did annex the Presbytery of *Biggie* to the Synod of *Lothian and Tweeddale*, (see *Bigger*) and the Presbyteries of *Air* and *Bynie* do now meet with the Synod of *Glasgow*; The Presbytery of *Dornoch* with the Synod of *Ross*, by Appointment of Act 4. Ass. 1704. And the Presbytery of *Zetland* is, by an unprinted Act in *Ses. 9. Ass. 1715*, disjoined from the Synod of *Orkney*.

THAT such of these Synodical Assemblies as are nearest to others have Correspondence among themselves, by sending one or two Commissioners mutually from one to another, as follows, viz. The Provincials of *Lothian & Merse*, &c. The Provincials of *Dumfries, Galloway, Glasgow* and *Argyle*; The Provincials of *Perth, Fife and Angus*, &c. The Provincials of *Aberdeen and Murray*; The Provincials of *Ross, Caithness* and *Orkney* And the Commissioners for Correspondence amongst the Synods to be a Minister and Ruling Elder. *Ibid.*

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II. ALL Presbyteries are discharged thereafter to make any Nomination of Persons to be Moderators to their Provincial Assemblies: And *Provincials* are ordained, in their first Meeting, to elect their Moderators, and to make their own Lists for that Effect; without tying themselves to these Persons who have been named and designed in the particular Presbyteries. *Act Sef. 7. June 4. Ass. 1644.*

III. 'Tis recommended to Provincial Assemblies, that thereafter they cause read all their Acts before the dissolving of every Assembly; and that their Registers be written formally, and in a good Hand-writing, with the several Leaves and Pages thereof marked by Cyphers, according to their Number. *Act Sef. 4. June 6. Ass. 1646.*

Provisions of Ministers, see *Burghs, Act 2.*

*Stipends, Act 1.*

*Psalms, and Psalms in Irish, see Bibles, &c. § 6. Tunes common.*

I. A Commission is granted to some Brethren, to examine the *Paraphrase* of the *Psalms* sent from *England*; to observe what they think needs to be amended, and set down their own Essay for correcting thereof: And for that Effect, 'tis recommended to them to make use of the *Travels* of *Romallen*, *Mr. Zachary Boyd*, or any Others on that Subject; but especially, our own *Paraphrase*; and choose what they find best in any of these Works: And likewise, to make use of the *Animadversions* sent from Presbyteries, and to report their Labours to the Commission of that Assembly; who, after revising thereof, shall send the same to Provincial Assemblies, to be transmitted to Presbyteries, that by their further Consideration, the Matter may be fully prepared for the next Assembly: Empowering them also to turn these *Psalms*, which in the *English Paraphrase* are turned to Verses not agreeing with our common Tunes, to Verses agreeing thereto. And 'tis recommended to *Mr. Zachary Boyd* to translate the other Scriptural Songs in Metre; and to report his Travels also to the Commission of that Assembly; that after their Examination thereof, they may send the same to the Presbyteries, to be there considered, until the next General Assembly. *Sef. 25. Aug. 28. Ass. 1647.*



II. Row's *Paraphrase* of the *Psalms*, with the *Corrections* thereof given in by Persons appointed by the preceeding Assembly for that purpose, sent to Presbyteries to be revised and sent, with their *Corrections*, to the *Commission*, who are to re-examine the *Animadversions* of Presbyteries, and prepare a Report to the next Assembly: And two Brethren appointed to revise Mr. *Zachary Boyd's* Labours upon the other Scripture-Songs, and to report to the *Commission*; who, after Examination, are to report to the next Assembly. *Act Sef. 38. Ass. 1648.*

III. SOME Ministers are appointed to correct and examine the new *Paraphrase* of the *Psalms* in Metre, with the *Corrections* and *Animadversions* thereupon, sent from several Persons and Presbyteries; And to report to the *Commission*, who, after Perusal and Re-examination thereof, are authorized with full Power to establish the *Paraphrase*, and to publish and emit the same for publick Use. *Act Sef. ult. Aug. 6. Ass. 1649.*

IV. 'TIS recommended to all Congregations and Families who worship God in the *Irish* Language, to make use therein of the *Paraphrase* of the *Psalms* in *Irish* Metre, approven and emitted by the Synod of *Argyle*, conform to the Act of the General Assembly 1690: And that where Preaching and Prayer are used in *Irish*, the singing of *Psalms*, at the same Diet, in a different Language be forborn thereafter, as an incongruous Way of worshipping God: As also, to make use of the Translation of the Shorter Catechism of this Church in *Irish*, bound with the said *Psalms* in one Volume, as an uniform Mean of Catechising the People. *Act 20. Ass. 1694.*

### Publick Enemies.

'TIS appointed, That such as, after lawful Trial, shall be found to have been in actual Rebellion, and to have carried Charge with the Rebels, to have accepted Commissions for raising Horse or Foot to them, or have otherwise assisted them in Manner mentioned in the Act; shall humbly acknowledge their Offence upon their Knees, first before the Presbytery, and thereafter before the Congregation, upon a Sabbath, in some Place before the Pulpit; and in the mean time, they be suspended from the Lord's Supper. And in case they do not satisfy in Manner foresaid, that they be proceed'd with Excommunication.

tion. And such as have been guilty of any of the gross Degrees of Compliance express'd in the Act, shall acknowledge their Offence publicly before the Congregation, and be suspended from the Communion, ay and while they do the same; And that all Persons in any Ecclesiastical Office, guilty of any of these Degrees of Compliance, be suspended from the Office, and all Exercise thereof, for such Time as the Quality of the Offence, and the Condition of the Offenders shall be found to deserve. And Presbyteries are declared to have a Latitude and Liberty to aggrege the Censures above specified, according to the Degrees and Circumstances of the Offences. And the same Latitude and Liberty is given to the Commissioners of the Assembly for publick Affairs; who have also Power to try and censure the Offenders in Manner above express'd, and to take account of the Diligence of Presbyteries therein. *Act Sess. 14. June 17. Ass. 1646.*

**Publick Money,** see *North, Act 11, 14. Probationers, Act 6.*

I. 'Tis recommended to His Majesty's Commissioner to request His Majesty, That he would command, that the Signature of 500 *Lib. Sterl.* yearly, dedicated and gifted by Him, to be bestowed on publick, necessary and pious Uses of the Kirk, at the Sight of the General Assembly, might be sent to this Kingdom, and delivered to the Commissioners of this Assembly, or the Procurator for the Kirk. *Act Sess. 11, Aug. 5. Ass. 1642.*

II. 'Tis enacted, 1mo. That of Her Majesties yearly Allowance for defraying the publick Charges of the Church's Affairs, and paying the Salaries of the Church's publick Servants, there be always the Sum of One hundred Pounds *Sterl.* in Reserve, for answering any extraordinary Emergents in the Church's Affairs. 2do. That no Commission of any Assembly, in Time coming, shall have Power, and they are discharged to dispossess of any more of the Church's Money, but of one Years Allowance only, reckoning the Commencement of the Year from the 24th of *June* in the Year preceeding. 3tio. That each Year's Allowance be applied, in the first place, for defraying the stated annual Charges of the Church quarterly, and the necessary Exigents of every particular Year; that is, in such Matters only, as during that Time shall occur, which do immediately and directly concern the

publick Interest of the whole Church in general, and any Arrears of these that shall happen to be resting: And in the next place, for Payment of the bygone Debts of the Church then resting. And the Assembly discharges any new Orders to be given, or Precepts to be drawn upon any other Accounts, until all the Church's Debts be paid; but after Payment of all prior Debts, that which remains of each Years Allowance, may be bestowed to such other Uses of the Church as shall be judged most proper. 4<sup>to</sup>. 'Tis declared, That no Appointments on the Procurator or Agents for the Church, to manage Processes for particular Synods, Presbyteries or Ministers, shall, in Time coming, warrant the Agents to lay out any Money therein, except there be a special Order of Assembly, agreeable to the present Rules, expressly appointing them to that Effect. 5<sup>to</sup>. Twelve Pounds, Ten Shillings quarterly, as the Money comes in, is appointed to be lodged in the Hands of one of the Agents for the Church, for defraying the said incident Charges, for which they are to make an Accompt at each Assembly: And if any Balance shall be found due to them, the same shall be paid to them, and the Sum of Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings further: Or if the Balance that shall be found due by them shall not extend to that Sum, the said Sum shall be made up to them out of the first Money that comes in after clearing their Accompts. And *Lastly*, The Receiver of the Church's Money, in deburring thereof, is appointed strictly to observe the foresaid Rules; And he is discharged to make Payments in any other Manner or Order, as he will be answerable to the Assembly. *Act 7. Ass. 1712.*

III. THE Assembly discharges the applying of any of the Church's publick Money, toward the Payment of the Expences of Processes for Stipends, except in Parishes where *Papery* abounds, or such as shall be recommended, both by the Presbytery and Synod to which the Parish belongs, and the Case be laid before the Assembly, and their particular Order given for that Effect before the Commencement of the Process. And 'tis resolved and declared, That for thereafter no new Warrants or Orders shall be granted for Payment of any Money to any Person whatsoever, except to Preachers sent to supply in the *North* for their Allowances. And the Assembly discharges the Clerk of Assembly or Sub-Clerk to write out, or the Moderator of that or subsequent Assemblies to subscribe any Orders or Warrants, for Payment of any new Grants out  
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of the Church's yearly Allowance, until all former Debts already contracted be first paid. And they resolve and declare, That at no Time thereafter any Warrants for Money shall be granted, until it be known there is as much in the Hands of the Receiver of the Church's Money, as will be sufficient to answer the same. And they appoint the above written 7 *Act* of *Ass.* 1712. to be punctually observed; And do appoint the Procurator for the Church, when any Demands for Money come before the Assembly or Commission, to acquaint them with the State of their Funds, and to read the foresaid 7th *Act* of *Ass.* 1712, and this present *Act* to them, And the Committee chosen by each Assembly for auditing and revising the Church's publick Accounts, are discharged to propose the Giving either of Money or Precepts for Money, exceeding that Part of the Years Allowance belonging to that Assembly which is free and unappropriated: And they are appointed to bring their Report first to the Committee for Overtures, before it be brought in to the Assembly. And they are also appointed to cause this present *Act*, and any new Regulations that shall be made about Money, to be read to them yearly; and to reject all Petitions and Demands not in the Terms thereof; and to report an Account of any Breaches that shall be made therein to the Assembly. *Act* 8. *Ass.* 1712.

**Publick Worship, see Worship.**

**Purgation Oath.**

If a Person, accused of being the Father of a Child unlawfully begotten, do offer his Oath of Purgation, and crave the Privilege thereof, the Presbytery may, if they judge it for Edification and removing of the Scandal, allow the same: Which may be to this Purpose, I A. B. now under Process before the Presbytery of \_\_\_\_\_, for the Sin of \_\_\_\_\_, alleged to be committed by me with C. D. and lying under that grievous Slanter, being reputed as one guilty of that Sin; I, for ending of the said Process, and giving Satisfaction to all good People, do declare before God and this \_\_\_\_\_, That I am innocent and free of the said Sin of \_\_\_\_\_, or having carnal Knowledge of the said C. D. And hereby call the Great God, the Judge and Avenger of all Fallshood, to be Witness and Judge against me in this Matter, if I be guilty: And this I do, by taking his blessed Name in my Mouth, and swearing by him who is the Great Judge, Punisher and Avenger, as said is;

and that in the Sincerity of my Heart, according to the Truth of the Matter and my own Conscience, as I shall answer to God in the last and Great Day, when I shall stand before him, to answer for all that I do in the Flesh; and as I would partake of his Glory in heaven, after this Life is at an End, *Form Proc. Cap. 4. § 7, in fine Act 11. Ass. 1707.* In taking this Oath of Purgation, all Tenderness and Caution is to be used, nor is the Session to press any Man thereto; but they are to deal with him and his Conscience as in the Sight of God: And if he offer to give his Oath, the Judicatory shall accept it, or not, as they shall see Cause, and then to proceed to remove the Scandal, with the Advice of the Presbytery, as may be most for Edification: But this Oath is not to be taken in any Case but this, When the Presumptions are so great, that they create such Jealousy in that Congregation and Session, that nothing will remove the Suspicion but the Man's Oath of Purgation; And when his Oath will probably remove the Scandal and Suspicion: In all other Cases this Oath is vain, and so should not be admitted; and never but by the Advice of the Presbytery. *Ibid. § 8.* This Oath is to be taken either before the Kirk-Session or Presbytery, or the Congregation, as the Presbytery shall determine: And if taken before the Session or Presbytery, it is to be intimated in the Congregation; and the Party may be obliged to be present in the Congregation, and may be put publickly to own his purging himself by Oath, and so be declared free from the alledged Scandal. *Ibid. § 9.*

*Nota,* These three Paragraphs are not enjoined as standing Rules, but only recommended to be observed, as the Judicatures shall find to tend most to Edification. See the Ratification of the *Form of Process*, in the said *Act 11. Ass. 1707.* and set down *supra* in *Process*.

Purity of Doctrine, see *Doctrine*.

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Quadruple In Fornication, see *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Ecclesiastical Remedy*, 5.

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It is recommended to all Provincial Synods, Presbyteries, Ministers and Kirk-Sessions, to use all proper Means for reclaiming of Quakers from their abominable Heresies; and in case of their Obstinacy, to proceed against them with the Censures of the Church; and especially, against the Ringleaders, that are traffickers for seducing of others. *Act 10. Ass. 1693.*

**Qualifications of Intrants to the Ministry,** see *Probationers, Act 1, 3, 5. Students of Theology.*

**Qualifications of Ministers,** see *Ministers.*

**Qualifications of Members of Assemblies,** see *Commissions to Members of Assembly, Act 3, 4. Assemblies, Act 4. Burghs, Act 1.*

**Quality, and Persons of Quality,** see *Remedies of Sins, and there, Ecclesiastical Remedy against Prophaneness, 9.*

**Questions,** see *Ministers, Act 7. Probationers, Act 3, in fine. Rolls, &c.*

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**Rabbling,** see *Transplantation, &c. Act 3.*

**Ratification,** see *Remonstrance.*

**THE King** is supplicated for his Civil Sanction and Ratification of the Constitutions of the Assembly in Parliament. *Act Aug. 30. Ass. 1639.*

**Readers, and Reading,** see *Remedies of Sins, and there, Domestick Remedy, 4. Congregation, Schools, Act 2. Expectants, Act 2. Schoolmasters, Act 1.*

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## Rebels.

**PRESBYTERIES** and Synods *respective* are ordained to proceed against the principal Actors in that Rebellion in the North and South with the highest Censures of the Kirk, if they give not Satisfaction by publick Repentance: And when the Sentence of Excommunication should be pronounced, the said Judicatories are discharged to relax any of them from the Sentence, without the Advice of the General Assembly or their Commission, *nisi in extremis*: To whom also the said Presbyteries and Synods are appointed to be answerable for their Diligence in the Premises, as they shall be required. And 'tis recommended to the Parliament to cause take such Course, as the Persons guilty may be exemplarily punished, according to the Merit and Degree of their Offence. *Ses. 6, June 13. Ass. 1644.*

**Rebuke private**, see *Uncleanness, Relapse.*

**Receivers of Papists and excommunicated Persons**, see *Papists, Act 11, 14. Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Ecclesiastick Remedy against Prophaneness, 13. Excommunication, &c. Act 2, 3.*

**Receiving deposed Ministers**, see *Deposed Ministers, Act 3, 5, 6, 7, 8.*

**Reception of Converts from Popery**, see *Papists, Act 9, 10.*

**Recommendations for Charity**, see *Charity.*

**Records**, see *Synod-Books, Commission-Books, Registers.*

**References**, see *Appeals, &c. Act 2. Overtures, Act 5. Assemblies, Act 4. Gross Scandals, Act 2. Citation.*

**I.** 'Tis recommended to Presbyteries and Provincial Assemblies, to consider all the Matters referred by preceding Assemblies, to the Consideration of Presbyteries,

ries, and to Report their Opinion therein to the Assembly. *Ses. ult. June 18. Ass. 1646.*

II. THAT Presbyteries and Provincial Synods consider all References of this and preceeding Assemblies, and send in their Opinion in writing to the next General Assembly. *Ses. ult. in fine Aug. 12. Ass. 1648.*

III. 'Tis recommended to Presbyteries and Provincial Assemblies, to consider all Matters referred by this, or by any former Assemblies, and send in their Opinions therein in Writ to the next General Assembly. *Ses. ult. Aug. 6. Ass. 1649.*

Refusing of Voices, see *Dissenting Voices.*

Regents, see *Schools, Act 4. School-Masters, Act 2.*

Regiments, see *Papists, Act 3. § 6. Army.*

THAT all Colonels find Caution for maintaining of a Minister, and keeping of a Session in their Regiments. *Ass. Ses. 7, Aug. 3. Ass. 1642.*

Registers, see *Commission-Book, Provincial Assemblies, Act 3. Synod-Books.*

I. THE Registers of the General Assemblies of the Church of Scotland, beginning December 1560, and ending in the Year 1590, contained in five Books, the first beginning at the Assembly holden the 20 Day of December 1560, and ending at the fourth Session of the Assembly holden the 28 Day of December 1566. The second beginning at the General Assembly holden the second of June 1567, and ending at the fourth Session of the Assembly holden at Perth the 9th of August 1572, both subscribed by John Gray Scribe. The third, being a Register of the Assembly holden at Edinburgh the 7th August 1574, and ending with the 12th Session, being the last Session of the Assembly 1579. The fourth beginning at the Assembly holden at Edinburgh the 10th May 1586, and ending the 17th Session of the Assembly holden in March 1589. The fifth and greatest Volume beginning at the Assembly holden in anno 1560, and ending in the Year 1590, are approved by the Assembly, upon Report of a Com-

Committee appointed by them for trial thereof, and the Reasons of their Approbation are set down at length in *Acts* Sess. 6. & 7. *Min.* 27. & 28. *Ass.* 1638.

II. AN old Register of Assembly, beginning at the Assembly holden at *Edinburgh* the 6th Day of *March* 1572, and ending at the Assembly likewise holden at *Edinburgh* in 1573, is approven, and ordained to make Faith as an authentick Register of the Kirk of *Scotland*, upon the Testimony of a Committee appointed for revising thereof, which is subjoined to the Act Sess. 18. Aug. 26. *Ass.* 1639.

III. ALL Provincial Synods and Presbyteries are required to be careful in revising of the Registers of the Judicatures under their immediate Inspection, and that they appoint a competent Number of the most fit and experienced Ministers for that Work, and when they find nothing to challenge in any Register, they give the same the Attestation following. The Provincial Synod of

— having heard the Report of those appointed to revise the Presbytery-Book of —, and having heard the Remarks thereupon, and the said Presbyteries Answer thereto: And it having been enquired by the Moderator, if any other had any Complaints to make against the Affairs of that Presbytery, and nothing appearing censurable, ordered the Clerk to attest this in their Presbytery-Book. And so for the Registers of the Provincial Synods and Kirk-Sessions *mutatis mutandis*; but if there be any thing truly censurable in the said Book, and in it self Material, with Respect to Discipline, that it be recorded as censured, both in the Synod-Book, and Attestation.

*Ass.* 9. *Ass.* 1700.

IV. 'Tis enacted and appointed, that there be two authentick Copys, of the Registers of the General Assembly, Committees and Commissions thereof, both subscribed by the Moderator and Clerk, one Copy whereof to ly in the Clerk's Custody, and the other Copy to be sealed and laid in some secure Place in the New Church of *Edinburgh*, or where the General Assembly or Commission shall appoint: As also, that a subscribed Extract of the Proceedings of each General Assembly be sent, a little after the rising thereof, to the several Synods within this Church, to be by them recorded in a Book, and all this to be done upon the publick Charges of the Church; And 'tis recommended to such Persons as have any of the Old Registers, or Papers belonging to the General Assembly, Commissions or Committees thereof, in their Custody, to deliver up the same to the Clerk



Clerk of the General Assembly, to be by him kept for the publick Use of the Church, and that Ministers and Presbyteries be at Pains in dealing with Persons for that Effect; and 'tis recommended to the Commission to gratify these, who shall bring to their Clerk any of their Papers or Registers foresaid, as they shall find such Persons deserve. *As 11. Ass. 1703.*

V. THE foresaid Recommendation anent the Registers of the Church is renewed, and the Commission empowered to do according thereto. *As 27. Ass. 1704.*

VI. 'Tis recommended to all the Judicatures of this Church, to take special care that their Registers be correctly written, and that they allow no Blottings nor Interlinings; and if any thing shall happen to be blotted out, or superfluous, that it be marked on the Margine, how many Words or Lines are blotted out, and that it was done by the Authority of the Judicatory, and that it be subscribed by the Moderator and Clerk; and if any thing be omitted, that it be written upon the Margine, and subscribed by the Clerk of the Judicatory. *As 9. Ass. 1706.*

VII. 'Tis appointed, that a Copy of the Proceedings of every Assembly be sent to the Library of each of the Universities in Scotland, to be lodged there, and kept for the Use of the Church and Judicatures thereof, and that the Faculties of the Universities do, upon Receipt of these Copies, send in to the Commission of each General Assembly, an Extract of the Act of their Faculty under their Clerks Hand, acknowledging the Receipt of the said Copies, and that they are lodged in their Libraries only in Trust, for the Use and Behoof of the Church, and obliging them to make them forthcoming to any of the Judicatories of this Church that calls for them upon their Receipt and Obligation to return the same; and the *As 11. Ass. 1703*, which see *Supra*, appointing Copies to be sent to each Synod is repealed, but the Clerk of the Assembly is allowed to give Copies to such of the Judicatories of this Church as shall call for them, upon their own Expenses. *As 14. Ass. 1712.*

**Relapse in Scandals**, see *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Ecclesiastick Remedy against Prophaneness*, 5.

A Person relapsing in Scandals should be called before the Session, and if found guilty, be there judicially rebuked, and the Session on promise from a due Sense of Sin to amend, may sit there. *Form Proc. Cap. 3. § 3. Act 11. Ass. 1707*, but if the Person amend not after that, the Session should orderly proceed, unless Repentance appear, and due Satisfaction be offered, until they inflict the Lesser Excommunication, and Suspension from sealing Ordinances, under which, the Censured is to ly until Amendment and Reformation, *Ibid. § 4.*

**Relaxation**, see *Gross Scandals*, *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *General Ecclesiastick Remedy*, 3.

**Relevance**, see *Witnesses*.

**Religion**, see *Universities*, *Act 2, 4, 5.*

**Remedies of Corruptions and Enormities in the Ministry**, see *Ministers*, *Act 1, 2.*

### *Remedies ( Civil ) of Sins.*

THAT every Congregation make use of the 9th Act Parliament 1643 at Perth, for having Magistrates and Justices in every Congregation, and of the 8th Act of the said Parliament, against swearing, drinking, mocking of Piety, and all other Acts of Parliament for restraining or punishing of Vice, particularly, for the better restraining the Sin of Whoredom, that each Magistrate in every Congregation exact, and make Compt to the Session of Fourty Pounds for each Fornicator and Fornicatrix, of one hundred Merks for each one of their Relapses in Fornication, of one hundred Pounds for each Adulterer and Adulteress, according to the express Acts of Parliament, which is to be exacted of such that may pay it, and the Discretion of the Magi-

Magistrate is to modify it, according to the Ability or Inability of each Delinquent.

*Domestick Remedies.*

1. THAT care be taken of conscionable receiving of Servants, that they have Testimonials of their honest Behaviour, and that all such as give Testimonials, take heed that these, to whom they give them, be free of scolding, swearing, lying, or such like more common Sins; as well as Fornication, Adultery, Drunkenness, and other gross and hainous Evils, that the ordinary time of giving Testimonials be in the Face of the Session; and if any extraordinary Exigent be, that it be given by the Minister, with Consent of the Elder of the Bounds wherein the Person craving the Testimonial hath resided; and if they have fallen or relapsed in scandalous Sins, that their Testimonial bear both their Fall and Repentance. 2. That care be had that the Worship of God be practised, and Discipline exercised in Families, according to the Directory for Family Worship in all things, as was appointed in the General Assembly 1647, especially in the Masters constant Catechising of the Family, and in the performance of the Duties of the Sabbath by all the Members thereof. 3. That Persons to be married, and who have Children to be baptised, who are very Rude and Ignorant, be stirred up and exhorted as at all times; so especially at that time, to obtain some Measure of Christian Knowledge in the Grounds of Religion, and that they give to the Minister, before the Elder of the Bounds wherein they Live, some Account of their Knowledge, that so they may the better teach their Family, and train up their Children. 4. That every Family that hath any in it that can read, have a Bible and Psalm Book, and make use of them, and where none can read, that they be stirred up to train up their Children in reading, and use any other good Remedy the Minister and Session can fall on.

*General Ecclesiastick Remedies.*

1. THAT the Remedies which were given at Perth 1645, and are mentioned in *Ses. 10. June 13. A. J. 1646,*  
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anent the Sins of Ministers, be put in Execution (which Act see in *Ministers, Act 2.*) 2. That Suspension from the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be more carefully executed. 3. That Persons relapse in Adultery (or above) quadruple in Fornication (or above) or often guilty of other gross Scandals, be excommunicated somewhat more summarily nor in an ordinary Process, (except there be more than ordinary Signs, and an eminent Measure of Repentance made known to the Session and Presbytery) both for the hainousness of the Sins and continuance therein, and for terror to others, and those not to be relaxed from the Sentence of Excommunication, without Evidence and undeniable Signs of Repentance. 4. That impartial proceeding be used against Men of all Qualities for their scandalous Walking, and in particular for Drunkenness, Swearing, and other scandalous Sins, and this to be tried at the Visitation of Kirks.

### *Particular Ecclesiastick Remedies.*

I. T H A T Ministers catechise one Day every Week, wherein also they may baptize and lecture, or preach; and that they preach every Lord's Day, both before and after Noon, according to the former Acts of General Assemblies: That Presbyteries and Synods be very careful of this, and that every Provincial Book contain an exact Account thereof. 2. That Ministers examine all of every Quality, of whose Knowledge they have no certain Notice. 3. That young Persons be catechised by the Minister, from the Time they are capable of Instruction, and that they be not delayed till they be of Age to communicate. 4. That Persons grossly ignorant be debarred from the Communion: That for the first and second Time they be debarr'd, suppressing their Names; for the third Time, expressing their Names; for the fourth Time, that they be brought to publick Repentance. All which is to be understood of them that profit nothing, and labour not for Knowledge: But if they be profiting in any measure, or labouring that they may profit, their Case is very considerable: They ought to have more Forbearance.

*Ecclesiastick Remedies against Prophaneness.*

1. THAT ignorant and scandalous Persons be put off, and kept off Kirk-Sessions. 2. That every Elder have a certain Bounds assigned to him; that he may visit the same every Month at least, and report to the Session what Scandals and Abuses are therein. 3. That all scandalous Persons be suspended from the Lord's Supper. 4. That the Minister deal in private with them that are professing publick Repentance before the Elder of the Bounds, thus to try the Evidence of their Repentance. 5. That those who have fallen in Fornication make publick Profession of their Repentance three several Sabbaths; who is guilty of Relapse in Fornication, six Sabbaths; who is guilty of Trilapse in Fornication, or hath once fallen in Adultery, Twenty six Sabbaths: And these Sins to be confessed both in one Habit, viz. Sackcloth. Quadruple in Fornication, and Relapse in Adultery, three Quarters of a Year; Incest or Murder, a Year, or Fifty two Sabbaths, in case the Magistrate do not his Duty in punishing such Crimes capitally. They that fall in Fornication, or relapses therein, are first to confess their Sin before the Session, and thereafter before the Congregation, They that are guilty of greater Degrees of that Sin, and of the other Sins mentioned in this Article; are to confess their Sin both before the Session and Presbytery, there to show some Signs of Repentance before they be brought to the Congregation. 6. Some are to be rebuked at the Time of Catechising, who deserve more nor a private Reproof, and yet needs not to be brought to publick Repentance. 7. It will be a good Remedy against Sabbath Breaking by Cartiers and Travellers, that the Ministers where they dwell, cause them to bring Testimonials from the Place where they rested on these Lord's Days wherein they were from Home. 8. That all Persons who sit from one Parish to another have sufficient Testimonials: This is to be extended to all Gentlemen and Persons of Quality, and their Followers, who come to reside with their Families in Edinburgh, or else where; and that the Minister from whom they sit advertise the Minister to whom they sit, of his Knowledge, they be lying under any Scandal. That Ministers be free with Persons of Quality for Amendment of their Faults; and (if Need shall be) that they take thereto the Help of some of the Brethren of the

**Presbytery:** 10. That Presbyteries take special Notice of Ministers who do converse frequently and familiarly with Malignants, and with scandalous and prophane Persons; especially such as belong to other Parishes. 11. That privy Censures of Presbyteries and Synods be performed with more Accuracy, Diligence and Zeal. 12. For better keeping of the *Sabbath*, That every Elder take Notice of such as are within his Bounds how they keep the Kirk; how the Time is spent before, betwixt, and after the Time of publick Worship. 13. That no Minister resort to any excommunicated Person, without Licence from the Presbytery, *nisi in extremis*: And that Ministers take special Notice of such Persons as haunt with Excommunicants, and process them. 14. Frequent Correspondence betwixt Presbyteries is a good Remedy. 15. That at the Visitation of each Congregation the Session-book be well visited; and for that Effect, that it be delivered to two or three Brethren seven or eight Days before the Visitation, that their Report of it may be in Readiness against the Day of Visitation. *Act Sess.* 38. Aug. 10. *Ass.* 1648.

### Remonstrance.

**REMONSTRANCE** of the General Assembly 1645 to King CHAR. I. publicly professing their Loyalty and faithful Subjection; and in Testimony of the Tenderness and Uprightness of their Affection to His Majesty's true Happiness, humbly and faithfully representing to him his great and growing Dangers from the Displeasure of his provok'd People, and most of all, from the Guilt which cleaveth fast to his Throne; particularly, the several Sins mentioned in the *Remonstrance*, and which would involve him and his Posterity under the Wrath of the ever-living God, if not timeously repented of: And therefore exhorting him to serious Repentance: Shewing him, that what they had concluded concerning Uniformity in Religion betwixt both Kingdoms was to be humbly offered to him from the Commissioners of this Kingdom, for his Royal Assent and Ratification: Declaring their dutiful Proceeding in that Assembly, as if His Majesty had vouchsafed the his own or the Presence of his Commissioner: And praying, That God would graciously incline his Heart to Counsels of Peace and Truth, and grant him a long and happy Reign. *Sess. ult.* Feb. 13. *Ass.* 1645.

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### Removing out of this Church.

THAT no Ministers who have actual Standing, and absolute Relations to any Charge in the Church of Scotland, remove out of the Kingdom, without the Consent of the respective Judicatories of this Church, *Act 9. Ass.* 1690.

Repentance publick, see *Remedies against Sins*, and there, *Ecclesiastick Remedies against Prophaneness*, 4, 5 & 6. *Absolution*, *Gross Scandals*, *Excommunication the Greater*.

Reposing or Restoring Ministers, see *Deposed Ministers*, *Act 3, 5, 6, 7, 8. Ministers*, *Act 5. § 13.*

### Representations.

THE Representations made by the *Commission of Assembly* 1711 to *Q. Anne*, against the *Act of Toleration* and *Patronage-Act*, are approved as most faithful and reasonable; and the said Representations are, by Order of the Assembly, *verbatim* insert: And the *Commission* is empowered to advert carefully to the Concerns of the Church in the above Particulars, and are ordained to use all dutiful and proper Means for obtaining Redress of what is, or may be found therein grievous, and to lay hold on every fit Occasion for that Effect. *Act 18. Ass.* 1712.

### Representatives in Assemblies.

I, THAT the Representation of the several Presbyteries of this National Church in its General Assemblies, shall hold Proportion to the Number of Parishes in which there are, or ought to be settled Ministers within each Presbytery, as follows, *viz.* That all Presbyteries consisting of 12 Parishes, or under that Number, shall send in Two Ministers and One Ruling Elder; And that all Presbyteries consisting of 18 Parishes, or under that Number, but above 12, shall send in Three Ministers and One Ruling Elder; And that all Presbyteries consisting of 24 Parishes, or under that Number, but above 18, shall send in Four Ministers and Two Ruling Elders: And

Lastly, That all Presbyteries consisting of above 24 Parishes, shall send Five Ministers and Two Ruling Elders to the General Assemblies. And 'tis declared, That Collegiate Kirks, where there uses to be two or more Ministers, are, so far as concerns the Design of this Act, understood to be as many distinct Parishes. And no Persons are to be admitted Members of Assemblies, but such as are either Ministers or Ruling Elders. *Act 5. Ass. 1694.*

II, THE Assembly, according to the Design of the *Act 5. Ass. 1694.* (which see *supra*) founding upon a Proportion to be observed betwixt the Number of Ministerial Charges in Presbyteries, and the Number of Representatives, does declare and appoint, That each Presbytery whose Number doth exceed Thirty Ministerial Charges, shall send to the Assembly Six Ministers and Three Ruling Elders. *Act 6. Ass. 1712.*

Reproof, see *Remedies of Sin*, and there, *Ecclesiastick Remedy*, 6.

Residence of Ministers, see *Ministers*, *Act 1.* and there, *Corruptions in their Persons and Lives*, § 4.

THAT every Minister be obliged to reside in his own Parish at his ordinary Manse, for the better attending of the Duties of his Calling, conform to the Acts of Assemblies, viz. at Edinburgh, March 24. 1595. *Ses. 7.* Decem. 25. 1563. *Ses. 5.* Decem. 25. 1565. *Ses. 4.* and March 6. 1572. *Ses. 3.* This is to be found in *Act Ses. 23 & 24. Dec. 17 & 18. Ass. 1638.* § 5.

Residence of Noblemen, see *Transplantation*, &c. *Act 1.* § 4.

Revisers of Books, see *Rolls*, *Synod-books*, *Act 5.*

Rolls, see *Commissioners to Assemblies*, *Act 5.* *Synod-books*, *Act 5.*

THE several Synods are appointed to make up a Roll of all Matters that have been, or shall be recommended by Assemblies to enquire at Presbyteries: And the said Roll

Roll is ordered to be inserted in their Register, and given in to the Visitors of the Presbytery-books: And the Visitors are ordered to take Notice of, and report the Diligence of Presbyteries in executing the Acts and Recommendations of Assembly. And 'tis agreed, that the Assembly shall make up a Roll of all Matters appointed to be enquired at Synods: And every new Act and Recommendation, so soon as they are made, are ordained to be added to the said Rolls, that the Assembly may know how their Acts and Recommendations are observed by the several Synods and Presbyteries. *Act 11. Ass. 1712.* The Act is appointing the more frequent Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

**Rolls of Expectants, see Lists of Expectants.**

**Rolls-Synod, see Supplies, Act 2. Caithness,**

**Act 3. Orkney.**

### Running of Goods.

ALL Men are warned of the Sin, Evil and Danger of running uncustom'd Goods; And all Ministers, especially in Sea-trading Towns and Places, are strictly enjoined to represent to their People and Hearers, the great Impiety and monstrous Wickedness of such Methods, to gain this World to the endangering of their Souls; and earnestly to obtest them, to abstain from such crying Sins and deadly Courses. And this Act is ordained to be read once in all Churches, and as oft in particular Parishes, as the Prudence of Ministers shall direct. *Act 9. Ass. 1719.*

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**Sabbath, see Papists, Act 4, in princ. Lord's Day.**

I. **F**OR preventing the Prophanation of the Sabbath in Landward, especially for Want of Divine Service in the Afternoon; the Act of Assembly holden at Dundee July 12. 1580. *Scf. 10.* for keeping both Diets, is ordered to be put in Execution. *Scf. 23 & 24. Dec. 17 & 18. Ass. 1638. Act. 15.*



II. THE Execution of the old Acts of Assemblies against the Breaking of the Sabbath-day, by Going of Mills, Salt-pans, Salmon-fishing, or any such-like Labour, is recommended to the several Presbyteries. And the Act of the Assembly holden at *Holyroodhouse* 1602. *Ses.* 5. discharging and inhibiting all such Labour of Fishing, as well White Fish as Salmon-Fish, and Going of Mills of all Sorts upon the Sabbath-day, under the Pain of incurring the Censures of the Kirk: And ordaining the Commissioners of that Assembly to mean the same to His Majesty, and to desire, that a pecunial Pain might be enjoined upon the Contraveeners of the said Act; is revived and renewed, and the Tenor thereof subjoined. *Ses.* 23 & 24, Dec. 17 & 18. *Ass.* 1638. *in fine*, & *Act* *Ses.* 21. Aug. 29. *Ass.* 1639.

III. 'Tis recommended to Kirk-Sessions and Presbyteries, carefully to put in Execution the Acts of former General Assemblies against Prophanation of the Lord's Day; and particularly, by unnecessary Sailing and Travelling. *Act* 7. *Ass.* 1690. § 4.

**Sabbath-breaking**, see *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Ecclesiastick Remedy against Prophaneness*, 7. *Prophaneness*, *Act* 2.

**Sackcloth**, see *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Ecclesiastick Remedy against Prophaneness*, 5.

**Sacrament**, see *Ministers*, *Act* 1, and there, *Corruptions in their Office*, § 6, 7. *Baptism*, *Lord's Supper*, *Propositions*, *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *General Ecclesiastick Remedy*, 2. *Articles of Perth*.

THE Administration of the Lord's Supper to sick Persons in their Houses, and all other Use of the same, except in the publick Assemblies of the Church; And also the Administration of Baptism in private, that is, in any Place, or at any Time when the Congregation is not orderly called together to wait on the Dispensing of the Word, are discharged: And the said Act is appointed carefully to be observed, when and wherever the Lord giveth his People Peace, Liberty, and Opportunity for their

publick Assemblies. And 'tis appointed to be publickly incriminated in all the Churches. *Act 10. Ass. 1690.*

**Sacramental Test**, see *Grievances in the Church.*

**Sailing**, see *Sabbath, Act 3. Lord's Day, Act 2.*

**Saint Andrew's**, see *Transplantation, &c. Act*

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**Salmon-Fishing**, see *Sabbath, Act 2. Lord's Day, Act 1.*

**Salt-pans**, see *Sabbath, Act 2.*

**Sanction (Civil)** see *Ratification.*

**Saturday's Mercats**, see *Mercats.*

**Scalloway**, see *Caithness, Act 1.*

**Scandals, and Scandalous Persons**, see *Ministers, Act 1*, and there, *Corruptions in their Office, § 8, 9.* and, *Corruptions in their Persons and Lives, § 1, 2, 3, 8. and Act 5. Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Ecclesiastick Remedy against Prophaneness, 3. and, General Ecclesiastick Remedy, 4. Oaths, Act 1. Relapse, Gross Scandals, Excommunication the Greater, Soldiers, Censures, Bounds of Jurisdiction, Spreading of Scandals, Single Acts, Correspondence, Act 2. Competency of Judicatures, &c. Act 2,*

**I. ALL** Presbyteries and Provincial Assemblies are ordained to convene before them such as are scandalous and malicious, and would not acknowledge that Assembly, nor acquiesce unto the Acts thereof; and to censure them, according to their Malice and Contempt, and Acts of the Kirk; And where Presbyteries are refractory, Power is granted to the several *Commissions*, to summon them to compare before the next Assembly, to abide their Trial and Censure. *Act &c. 26. Dec. 20. Ass. 1638.*

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II. PRESBYTERIES are allowed, if they find Cause, to send in to the General Assembly or Commission thereof, the Names of scandalous Persons of whatsoever Quality, guilty of gross Immoralities and contumacious to Church-discipline; with a full Extract of the Process, that they may proceed against them as they see Cause. *Act 15. Ass. 1700.*

III. THAT the Church proceed to the Censure of Excommunication against Persons, who, being challeng'd for Scandals, do turn *Popish*, or pretend to do so to evade Censure, after all the due Pains taken to reclaim them proves ineffectual. *Act 8. Ass. 1704.*

IV. 'Tis ordained, That after Persons, the Grossness of whose Scandals makes it necessary to bring them offener than once before the Congregation, are convict before the Session, that it be judicially declared to them, that they have rendred themselves incapable of Communion with the People of God in sealing Ordinances; and that they be appointed to appear in publick to be rebuked for their Sin, conform to the Institution, 1 *Tim.* v. 20. And 'tis referred to the respective Judicatories of the Church concerned, to determine how oft such Delinquents shall appear in publick, as they shall find it to tend most for Edification: And 'tis ordained, That after a publick Rebuke, the Minister and Elders be at farther Pains, in instructing the Minds of the scandalous Persons, if ignorant, in endeavouring to convince their Consciences, and to bring them to a due Sense of their Sin, and to an Engagement and serious Resolution against all known Sin, and to the Performance of all known Duty; and that the Session, upon Satisfaction with their Knowledge, and Sense of their Sin, do admit them to the publick Profession of their Repentance, in order to Absolution: But if, after taking Pains on them for some competent Time, for their Instruction and Conviction, they still remain grossly ignorant, insensible and unreform'd; That the Ministers and Elders do advise with the Presbytery of the Bounds; and if the Presbytery shall see Cause, that then the Sentence of Lesser Excommunication be publickly pronounced against them in face of the Congregation: From which they are not to be relaxed, nor admitted to make publick Profession of their Repentance in order thereto, till the Session be satisfied with their Knowledge, Seriousness and Reformation. And Lastly, The Names of such as are under the Censure of the Lesser Excommunication are ordained to be



be publickly read out the Lord's Day immediately preceeding that, upon which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is to be administrated. *Act 4. Ass. 1703.*

## Scandalous Behaviour.

SCANDALOUS Behaviour may be so Lascivious and Obscene and cloathed with such Circumstances, as may be as offensive as the Act of Uncleanness it self and as censurable. *Form. Proc. Cap. 4. § 5. Act 11. Ass. 1797.*

*Schism, see Impiety, Gross Scandal, Excommunication the Greater.*

I. ALL Presbyteries and Synods are enjoined to Censure all such Persons who do, within their Bounds, carry on divisive Courses, and that they vigorously use all suitable Means for reclaiming misled People, and for the preventing the Growth of Schism; and that the Commission of the General Assembly give their Assistance in this good Work to the several Judicatories, as need shall require, and referring to the Commission to cognosce in the Complaints made against Mr. John M. Millen and Mr. John Hepburn, for their divisive Courses, or to send a Committee to the Bounds of Dumfries and Galloway for both these Affairs, and visiting these Bounds, which Committee shall concur with the respective Judicatories there, in cognoscing of any Schism or Immoralities that may have fallen out, and of Error and Insufficiency in any that may be delated on that Account. *Act 18. Ass. 1704.*

II. ALL Presbyteries and Synods are strictly enjoined to take particular notice of all their Members, Ministers, Preachers, or others, and if they find them fall into Irregularities, or Schismatical Courses, that they call them to an Account, and Censure them according to the demerit of their Fault, even to Deposition of Ministers and Elders, and apply to the Commission for their Advice, and Report their Diligence to the next Assembly, This Act contains a particular Reference to the Commission, of the Disorders and Schismatical Courses of Mr. James Farquhar Minister at Tyrie, and Mr. John M. Hill Probationer. *Act 6. Ass. 1702.*

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Scholars, see *Universities*, Act 4.

Schools, see *Visitation of Colleges, &c. Colleges, Libraries*, Act 3. *Christian Knowledge*, Act 3, 7, 10. *Bibles, &c.* § 3. *Highlands*, Act 1. § 3. Act 5. § 4. *Papists*, Act 14, 16.

I. 'Tis recommended to the several Presbyteries, to see to the settling of Schools in every Landward Parish, and providing of Men able for the Charge of teaching of the Youth, publick Reading and precenting of the Psalm, and Catechising of the common People, and that Means be provided for their Entertainment in the most convenient Manner that may be had, according to the Ability of the Parish, and the particular Course is referred to the several Presbyteries. *Act Sess. 23. & 24. Dec. 17. & 18. Ass. 1638. Art. 6.*

II. 'Tis appointed, 1<sup>mo</sup>. That every Parish have a Reader and a School, where Children are to be Bred in Reading, Writing, and Grounds of Religion, according to the laudable Acts both of Kirk and Parliament made before, and where Grammar Schools may be had, as in Burghs, and other considerable Places (among which all Presbyterial Seats are to be reputed) that they be erected, and held Hand to. 2<sup>do</sup>. That every Minister with his Elders, give Account to the Presbytery at the Visitation of the Kirk, anent these Schools, that Presbyteries make Report to the Synod, and the Synod to the General Assembly, what Schools are planted, as above-said, and how they are provided with Men and Means. 3<sup>io</sup>. That the Ministers of every Parish instruct the Commissioners to the next Assembly, that this Course is begun betwixt and then, and that they further certify from one General Assembly to another, whether this Course be continued without Omission, or not. 4<sup>to</sup>. 'Tis recommended to His Majesty and the Parliament, to put in Execution the Means formerly appointed for Schools of all Sorts, and to find out further Means for so good an Use, especially, that Children of poor Men, (being very capable of Learning and of good Ingines) may be trained up according as the Exigence and Necessity of every Place shall require. 5<sup>to</sup>. That the Parliament be supplicated to allot Maintenance for Youths of

of the finest and best Spirits in the Highlands and Borders, as Bursars to be Bred in Universities. 6to. That a Committee be appointed to consider the Time and Manner of Visitation of Schools, and to contribute the best and most compendious & orderly Course of teaching Grammar, who may Report their Diligence to the Assembly. *Act. Sess. 11. Aug. 3. Ass. 1642.*

III. 'Tis recommended to the several Presbyteries within this National-Church, to use their Endeavours that Schools be erected in every Parish within their respective Bounds, conform to the Acts of Parliament and General Assemblies, and Synods are ordained to make particular Enquiry, how this Recommendation is observed. *Act 10. Ass. 1699.*

IV. 'Tis appointed and ordained, that Ministers take care to have Schools erected in every Parish, conform to the Acts of Parliament for teaching of Youth to read *English*, that the Poor be taught upon Charity, and that none be suffered to neglect the teaching of their Children to read: And sicklike, that in no Parish the Minister recommend Youth to be taught *Latine* upon Charity in any Grammar School, but after examining the said Child or Children in Presence of three or four Members of the Session, as to their Promptitude and Dexterity in reading, and competent Skill in Writing, as to their virtuous Inclinations, and as to the Hopefulness of their Proficiency, and that none be received into Grammar Schools to be taught *Latine* upon Charity, but upon such Recommendations; And also that each Presbytery appoint a Committee of their Number yearly to examine the poor Scholars in the Grammar Schools, and such within their Bounds as go to the Colleges with an Eye to Bursaries, and suffer none to proceed but such as are very forward and good Proficients, and of good Behaviour, and that Ministers recommend none to Bursaries, but such as are so qualified; And it's recommended to Regents and Masters of Colleges, that no Persons, especially Bursars, be Laureate but upon a clear Evidence of sufficiency of their Learning and good Behaviour after strict Examination: And sicklike, 'tis recommended to Masters in Universities, and all other Instructors of Youth, that they be careful to instruct their Scholars in the Principles of the Christian reformed Religion, according to the holy Scriptures, our *Confession of Faith*, or such Books only, as are entirely agreeable thereto.



thereto. As also, 'tis recommended to Professors of Theology, That they take very particular Notice of the Piety and Christian Carriage of their Students; and that their Testimonials to Presbyteries, for entering Men upon Trials for the Ministry, bear their Knowledge of the Persons recommended, as to their moral and pious Carriage, as to their Progress in their Studies, and their promising Parts, &c. of their good Affection to the Government of Church and State; And that the Professor does truly judge the Person fit for the Service of the Church. And Presbyteries are enjoined to receive none upon Testimonials from Professors, but who are so attested. *Act 5. Ass. 1765.*

V. *This Assembly declares themselves willing to concur for planting and propagating of Religion in the Highlands; as the Matter and Success shall open unto them; and do, in Obedience to what is recommended to them by Her Majesty's Letter, agree, that there be a Contribution made, by way of Subscription and otherwise, for erecting Schools, and educating Youth in the Highlands and Isles, where the same is not provided for already; and the Method of the said Collections, and Management of the Money when collected, is set down: And Application is appointed to be made to the Parliament, Privy Council, and those in the Government, for obtaining their Authority to get the said Schools erected, and obliging Parents to put their Children thereto, and for making the said Design effectual. And 'tis recommended to Synods and Presbyteries in the Highlands, to send in to the Commission an Account of what Parishes have or want Schools, and the Reasons of their wanting thereof, and what Places do most need, and are most convenient for erecting Schools in; And also to send in an Account of such Students as are hopeful, whom they would have supplied; and this but prejudice of Schools in every Parish, appointed by Act of Parliament, and of the Royal Gifts in favours of the Highlands. And 'tis recommended to the Commission to cause reprint and disperse the Reasons and Motives for carrying on the said Design. *Act 14. Ass. 1764.**

VI. *'Tis appointed, That as to Lands of Her Majesty's Property, Application be made by the Commissions of Assemblies to the Lords of Treasury and Exchequer, for her Proportion of the legal Allowance for Schools: And as to other Heritors, Presbyteries are appointed to use all suitable Endeavours to get Schools erected and maintain'd in Parishes, conform to the Acts of Parliament;*

ment; and if that succeed not, to give an Account of their Diligence to the *Commission*, who are empowered to assist them by Application to the Government, or other ways competent. And as to wide and spacious Parishes, that require more Schools than one, the *Act* 14. *Ass* 1704. anent erecting Schools in the *Highlands* (which see *supra*) is renewed, and continued until altered by the Assembly, and the Execution thereof recommended to Presbyteries, And 'tis recommended to Synods and Presbyteries, to send to the *Commission* distinct Accounts what Parishes in their Bounds have or want Schools, and what are the Reasons why they want the same, what Places do most need them, and what is the Extent of these Parishes that are spacious, and what are the Places in each Parish most convenient for fixing Schools in, one or more; and that they send an Account of the Names of such Students as are hopeful, and whom they could recommend for teaching those Schools: And the *Commission* is ordained to put in order and record these Accounts. And Presbyteries are appointed to deal earnestly with the Patrons of vacant Parishes, to apply the vacant Stipends for the above Ends. And 'tis recommended to the *Commission*, to give all Encouragement to such as encline to enter into Societies for erecting and maintaining Schools; and to think on Overtures for that Purpose. And the *Commission* is ordered to enquire what is become of the Money collected in Presbyteries for erecting Schools in the *Highlands*, in pursuance of the fore said Act 1704, and to use Endeavours to make the same effectual: And Presbyteries are ordained to report their Diligence to the *Commission*, and also to give particular Accounts to the next Assembly, how former Acts about Schools in every Parish, and Visitations thereof, &c. are observed. And 'tis recommended to subsequent Assemblies, to appoint particular Committees to receive Reports of Presbyteries in that Matter, to be laid before succeeding Assemblies. *Act* 3. *Ass* 1707.

**School-Masters, see Congregations, Confession of Faith, Act 3, 8. Christian Knowledge, Act 6. Tunes Common.**

1. 'Tis recommended to the Parliament or Committee for Plantation of Churches, that whatever either in Parishes

Parishes of Burgh or Landward was formerly given for Maintenance of these who were Readers, Precentors in Congregations, and Teachers of Schools, before the establishing of the Directory for publick Worship, may not be in whole or in Part, alienated or taken away, but be reserved for Maintenance of sufficient School-Masters and Precentors, who are to be approved by the Presbytery; And Presbyteries are required to see, that none of that Maintenance given to the foresaid Uses, or in use to be paid thereunto, before the establishing of the Directory for Worship, be drawn away from the Church. *Act 5. 6. 1649.*

II. ALL Presbyteries are appointed to take special, particular, and exact Notice of all School-Masters, Chaplains, Governours, and Pedagogues of Youth within their respective Bounds, and oblige them to subscribe the *Confession of Faith* of this Church, as the *Confession* of their Faith; and in case of continued Negligence (after Admonition) Error or Immoralities, or of their teaching erroneous Principles, or not being careful to educate those under their Charge in the Protestant reformed Religion, that the Presbytery, with Respect to School-Masters, apply to the Civil Magistrate in Burghs, and Heritors in Landward, and with Respect to Governours, Chaplains, and Pedagogues to Masters, for removing such Persons from these Offices; and if this be not remedied by them, that the Presbytery, with Respect to School-Masters, apply to the Commission of Parliament for Visitation of Schools and Colleges, and 'tis appointed that an Account be given in, every half Year to the Presbytery by Ministers, what School-Masters, Chaplains, and Governours are in their respective Parishes. And 'tis recommended to Masters of Colleges to take care, and use their Authority for the same Ends, that the Delinquents may be proceeded against by the respective Presbyteries, and censured upon clear Evidences of their Guilt. *Act 10. 1700.*

III. 'Tis recommended to such as have Power of Settling School-Masters in Parishes, to prefer thereto Men who have past their Course at Colleges and Universities, and taken their Degrees, before others who have not, *ceteris paribus*. And 'tis recommended to Presbyteries to take special care, that all the School-Masters within their Bounds, be such as have subscribed the *Confession of Faith*, and that Presbyteries do visit all the publick

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Grammar Schools within their Bounds, by some of their Number appointed for that Effect, at least twice every Year; & also, Synods are appointed, at their Privy Censures, to enquire at Presbyteries, how they have obeyed this Recommendation: And 'tis recommended to the respective Presbyteries in the Highlands, who are appointed to contribute for Bursaries to be bestowed on Students having the *High* Language, that they pay the same punctually, conform to the Act of Assembly thereanent. *Act 13. Ass. 1706.*

Scriptures, see *Worship*, *Act 2. § 2, 3.*

Scriptural Songs, see *Psalms*, *Act 1, 2.*

I. 'Tis recommended to the several Presbyteries of this Church, to endeavour to promote the Use of the Scriptural Songs in private Families within their Bounds, according to the Recommendation of the late Assembly, and for facilitating the Assemblies Work in preparing the said Songs for publick Use: 'Tis recommended to Presbyteries to buy up the printed Copies of the said Songs, and compare them with the Originals, and make further Amendments thereon, and the Amendments already made thereon, are ordained to be printed and transmitted. *Act 4. Ass. 1706.*

II. THE revising of the Scriptural Songs is recommended to Presbyteries, and they are desired to transmit their Opinions about them to the next Assembly, and in the mean time, a Committee nominated by the Commission of the last Assembly, for revising the same, is renewed. *Act 16. Ass. 1707.*

III. THE Commission is appointed to consider the printed Version of the Scripture Songs, with the Remarks of Presbyteries thereupon; and after Examination thereof, they are impowered to conclude and establish that Version, and to publish and emit it for the publick Use of the Church, as was formerly done on the like Occasion, when our Version of the Psalms was published, in the Year 1649, see *Psalms*, *Act 3.* And 'tis recommended to Ministers and others, to buy up for private Use, in the mean time, the Copies of them that are lying on the Author's Hands. *Act 15. Ass. 1708.*



## Seaforth (Earl)

George Earl of Seaforth ordered to be excommunicated, and Intimation to be made thereof in all the Kirks of Scotland. *Ses. 10. June 13. Ass. 1646.*

Sealing Ordinances, see *Communion*.

Seasonable Warning, see *Warning*.

Secret Council, see *Acts of Secret Council*.

Secret Worship, see *Worship secret*.

Secular Trades and Employments discharged in Ministers, see *Ministers. Act 1*, and there, *Corruptions in their Persons and Lives*, § 3.

Sentences against Ministers, see *Deposed Ministers*, &c. *Ministers. Act 1*, and there, *Corruptions in their Persons and Lives*, and *Act 5*.

All Sentences past against Ministers *hinc inde* by any Church-Indicatory, upon Account of the late Differences amongst Presbyterians, from the Year 1650, until the Reintroduction of Episcopacy, are declared of themselves void and null to all Effects and Intents: And 'tis recommended to the respective Presbyteries to take Care, that such of these Ministers as are not otherwise dispos'd of by the Church, return to the Exercise of their Ministry in their respective Congregations; And to the Civil Magistrate That the said Ministers may have the legal Maintenance and Stipends where they served. *Act 13. Ass. 1690.*

Separation, see *Books erroneous*, *Gross Scandals. Act 2*.

The Recommendation of the Commissioners of the General Assembly at St. Andrew's 1642, to every Minister within their several Bounds, especially to Ministers upon the Coasts, or where there are Harbours and Ports, to try and search for all Books tending to Separation,

turned into an Act of Assembly: And every Minister is appointed to be careful to try and search, if any such Books be brought to this Country from beyond Seas; and if any shall be found, to present the same to the Presbyteries, that some Course may be taken to hinder the Dispersing thereof. And 'tis recommended to the Civil Magistrates, to concur with their Authority in all Things, for effectual Execution thereof. *At Sess. 7. Aug. 9. 1643.*

**Separatists, see Discipline, Act 9.**

**T**IS referred to the Commission to proceed to censure Mrs. John McMillan late Minister at Balmaghie, John Taylor late at Wamphray, John McNeil and John Adamson, pretended Preachers; and Mrs. John Hepburn at Orr, and James Gilchrist at Dunscore, Separatists from the Church; or to apply to the Civil Magistrate against them. And the Presbytery of Dumfries is ordained to proceed against Mrs. Hepburn and Gilchrist, or refer the Matter to the Commission: And the Commission is instructed to apply to the Civil Government, for suppressing the Disorders of all of these, and punishing such as are guilty of solemnizing Marriages clandestinely. And Presbyteries are appointed to send Informations of these Things to the Commission, that the same may be laid before the Government. And the several Presbyteries and Brethren in those Countries where Popery abounds, or where Episcopal Preachers do intrude into Parishes, Churches, Manes or Glebs, are appointed to send in to the Lord Justice-Clerk, the Lord Advocate or Solicitor, particular Informations, containing the Facts, Parties Names, the Circumstances of the Transgression, such as Time, Place, &c. with Lists of the Witnesses their Names and Designations, that can prove the said Facts. *At 15. Ass. 1715.*

**Sermons, see Funeral Sermons.**

**Servants, see Profaneness, Act 1, Remedies of Sins, and there, Domestick Remedy, 1.**

**Service-book, see Evils of the Kirk, Common Prayer-Book.**

**Sessions and their Diets**, see *Ministers*, Act 1, and there, *Corruptions in their Office*, § 8. *Kirk-Sessions*, *Regiments*.

**Session-Books**, see *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Ecclesiastick Remedy against Prophaneness*, 15.

THAT the Session-Books of every Parish be presented once a Year to the Presbyteries, that they may be tried by them. *Act Sess.* 22. Aug. 29. *Ass.* 1639. *Art.* 4.

**Shells** (Mr. Alexander) see *Linning* (Mr. Thomas)

**Ships**, see *Lord's Day*, Act 2.

**Shorter Catechism**, see *Catechism*, Act 4.

**Shortning of Processes**, see *Competency*, &c. Act 1.

**Silence of Ministers**, see *Ministers*, Act 2, and there, *Enormities in their Callings*, § 4.

THAT every Minister do, by the Word of Wisdom, apply his Doctrine faithfully against the publick Sins and Corruptions of the Times; and particularly, against the Sins and Scandals in that Congregation where he lives, according to the Act of the Assembly 1596, *March* 26. *Sess.* 7. Revived by the Assembly at *Glasgow* 1638. *Sess.* 23 & 24, Dec. 17 & 18. *Art.* 9. *Cap. Corruptions in Office*, (which see in *Ministers*) appointing, That such as shall be found not applying their Doctrine to Corruptions, which is the Pastoral Gift; or be found cold, and wanting Spiritual Zeal; or Flatterers, and dissembling publick Sins, especially of great Personages in their Congregations, shall be censured according to the Degree of their Fault; and, if continuing therein, shall be deposed, according to the *Act Sess.* 10. June 13. *Ass.* 1646. *Cap. Remedies*, *Art.* 15. (which see also in *Ministers*) appointing, That beside all other Scandals, Silence, or ambiguous Speaking in the publick Cause; much more, Detracting and disaffected Speeches, be seasonably censured: That the Errors and Exorbitancy of Sectaries in *England* be not pass'd over in Silence; but plain Warning be given of the Danger of so near a Con-  
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tagion, that People may beware of it : And such as neglect this Duty, are ordered to be censured by their Presbyteries, and that conform to the foresaid Acts : That the main Current of Applications in Sermons run along against the Evils that prevail at Home ; and namely, against the Contempt of the Word, against all Profaneness, against the present Defection from the *League and Covenant* ; and against the Unlawful Engagement in War, against the unlawful Bond and Engagement of the Date the 10th of June 1648, ordained to be subscribed by all the Subjects ; and other unjust Decrees, established by Law, against the Plots and Practices of Malignants, and against the Principles and Tenets of *Erastianism*, which spread amongst divers in this Kingdom. For the better Confutation whereof, 'tis recommended to Ministers to study that Point of Controversy well, that they may be the more able to stop the Mouths of Gainsayers : And 'tis recommended to the several Presbyteries and Provincial Synods, that they may make special Enquiry and Trial concerning all the Ministers in their Bounds ; and if they be found too sparing, general, or ambiguous in the foresaid Applications and Reproofs ; that they be sharply rebuked, dealt with, and warned to amend, under pain of Suspension from their Ministry : And if they amend not, that such Ministers be suspended by their Presbyteries ; and in case of their Negligence, by the Synods, until the then next Assembly : But if there be any who do neglect and omit such Applications and Reproofs, and continue in such Negligence after Admonition and dealing with them, they are ordered to be cited, and after due Trial of the Offence, to be deposed : Much more are such Ministers appointed to be censured with Deposition from their Ministry, who preach for the Lawfulness, or pray for the Success of the Unlawful Engagement, or that go along with the Army themselves ; or who subscribe any Bonds, or take any Oaths not approved by the General Assembly or their Commissioners ; or who, by their Council, Countenance or Approbation, make themselves accessory to the taking of such Bonds and Oaths by Others ; or who preach in Defence of, or pray for Success to the Sectaries in *England*, And in case any Minister, for his Freedom in Preaching, and faithful Discharge of his Conscience, shall be, in the Face of the Congregation or else where, upbraided, railled at, mock'd or threatned ; or if any Injury or Violence



lence be done to his Person, or any Stop or Disturbance made to him, in the Exercise of his Ministerial Calling; the Presbytery of the Bounds is forthwith ordered to enter in Process with the Offender; and, whoever he be, to charge him to satisfy the Discipline of the Kirk by publick Repentance: Which if they do not, or refuse to do, the Presbytery is to proceed to Excommunication against him. In all which, Presbyteries and Synods are to give an Account of their Diligence: And that Act is appointed to be intimated in the several Congregations of this Church. *Act* sess. 26. Aug. 3. *Act* 1648. *Nota*. The Effects of this Act were in some Sort taken off by *Act* 13. *Act* 1690. Which see in *Sentences against Ministers*.

**Simson (Mr. John)** see *Doctrine*, *Act* 2, 3, 4.  
**Sins of the Time**, see *Silence of Ministers*,  
*Remedies of Sins*.

### Single Acts of Scandals.

ONE single Act of Drunkenness, or Breach of the Lord's Day, Disobedience to Parents, or Swearing, Cursing, Scolding, Fighting, Lying, Cheating or Stealing, may be clothed with such Circumstances, as may be a just Ground of Process immediately, and even bring the Guilty under the Lesser Excommunication, or Suspension from sealing Ordinances, and require their Appearance in presence of the Congregation, to be rebuked before Relaxation: But 'tis to be duly pondered, whether private Admonition of the Person guilty of the above Scandals, not clothed with such Circumstances, or the bringing them to publick, will tend most to Edification: And the Judicatures are to proceed accordingly. *Form Proc. Cap. 3. § 1. Act* 11. *Act* 1707. But ordinarily, in all such Offences, the Guilty is, for the first Fault, to be spoken to in private by the Minister or an Elder, and admonished; and on promise, from a Sense of Guilt, to amend, they may sit there. *Ibid. § 2.*

**Slitting Proccs**, see *Single Acts*, &c. *Relapse*.  
**Shippers**, see *Lord's Day*, *Act* 2.  
**Stave Presbytery**, see *Argyle*.

**Slanders**, see *Confession of Parties, Ministers, Act 1*, and there, *Corruptions in their Persons and Lives*, § 2.

**SYNODS** and **Presbyteries** are ordained to proceed diligently in process with the Censures of the Kirk, even to the highest, against all Persons who shall reproach or scandalize Ministers, according as they shall find the Degree and Quality of the Scandal deserves. *Act Sess. 13. Aug. 6. Ass. 1642.*

**Society or Fellowship Meetings**, see *Impiety*.  
**Socinian Errors**, see *Erroneous Doctrine*.

### **Soldiers.**

**I. MINISTERS**, Kirk-Sessions and Presbyteries are appointed to apply to the Magistrates of the Bounds, and also to the Commanding Officer on the Place, from Time to Time, as Need requires; and to crave, That both Officers and Soldiers under Scandals, may be obliged to submit to the Discipline of the Church, according to Law and Her Majesty's Gracious Proclamation against *Prophanes*: And if this shall be refused or delayed, the Assembly appoints the Matter to be laid before the Commission, that they may do further therein what the Law directs. *Act 5. Ass. 1710.*

**II. Kirk-Sessions** are advised to proceed, without Delay, against Soldiers under Scandals, so soon as the Scandal breaks out: And in case the Soldiers guilty be removed from their Bounds, before any Scandal breaks out, or during the Dependence of the Process against them, 'tis allowed, that the scandalous Soldiers satisfy Church-Discipline in the Parish where they are quartered for the Time: And the Kirk-Session of that Parish is to report what is done, to the Kirk-Session of the Parish in which the Scandal broke out, or where the Process was commenced, that they may cause intimate the same in their Congregation. And Church-Judicatures are advised to proceed with all Tenderness and Prudence in dealing with Strangers, so that the Ends of Church-Discipline may be reached. *Act 13. Ass. 1712.*

**Solemn League**, see *Covenant*, Acts 2, 3.  
*Parliament of England*, Act 3. *Supplication*, Act 4.

**Solicitations for obtaining Benefices**, see *Ministers*, Act 1, and there, *Corruptions in their Office*, § 2, 3. & Act 2, and there, *Enormities in their Callings*, § 1.

**Sozcerers**, see *Gross Sins*.

**Speakers against the Covenant.**

THAT such as have subscribed the Covenant, and speak against the same, if he be a Minister, shall be deprived, and if he continue so, being deprived, shall be excommunicated; and if he be another Man, shall be dealt with as perjured, and shall satisfie publickly for his Perjury. *Act Sess. 1. Aug. 3. Ass. 1640.*

**Speech Directing**, see *Ordering the Assembly-House*, Act 1, § 3.

**Speech of the Commissioner to, and Moderator of Assembly.**

THE King's Commissioner's Speech, and the Moderator's Speech made at Assembly 1695, are printed amongst the Acts of that Assembly. in Act 7.

**Spiritual Songs**, see *Scriptural Songs*.

**Sponsors**, see *Baptism*.

**Spreading of Scandals.**

MEMBERS of Kirk-Sessions are wisely to consider the Information they get of Scandals, and consult with their Minister thereanent, even before the same be communicated to Others; that thereby the Spreading of the Scandal may be prevented, and it may be removed by private Admonition, according to our Lord and Saviour's Rule, *Matth. xviii. 15. Form Proc. Cap. 2. § 1. Act 11. Ass. 1707.* And when it appears fit, that the Party be privately spoken to, before Citation, the Minister is to

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exercise his own Discretion, and to take the Concurrence of Elders and Others with him. *Ibid.* § 4.

**Stipends**, see *Vacant Stipends*, *Plantation of Kirks*, *Papists*, &c. *Act* 15, in fine.

I. 'Tis recommended to the Commission of Parliament for Plantation of Kirks, &c. to give due Dispatch and Encouragement to all Processes for Modification and Locality of Stipends, that so Ministers may have a suitable Maintenance, and a Competency for Communion-Elements, and ready Access thereto. And 'tis recommended to the several Presbyteries, to send in an Account to the Clerk of the General Assembly or Agent for the Kirk, of such Parishes in their Bounds as either want legal Stipends, or want Decrees for their Stipends and Communion-elements; and to send therewith an Account of the State of such Parishes, and of the Church, Manse and Gleib thereof: And that in all Transportations in Time coming, previous Enquiry be made if there be a legal Stipend, and a Decree therefore, in the Parish praying the Transportation. *Act* 5. *Ass.* 1702.

II. 'Tis recommended to Presbyteries, to give Information to the Commission, anent Mortifications and Stipends that have been dilapidated or suppress'd; And the Commission is appointed to be assistant to Ministers in recovering thereof. *Act* 12. *Ass.* 1706.

**Strangers**, see *Communion*, *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Ecclesiastick Remedy against Prophaneness*, 7.

### Stranrauer Presbytery.

THE Parishes of *Ballentrac* and *Calmunel*, are disjoined from the Presbytery of *Air*, and annexed to *Stranrauer*, and the Parishes of *Kirkmabreck*, *Kells*, *Dalry*, and *Carlsfern*, are disjoined from *Kirkcudbright*, and annexed to *Wigtown*. *Act* 4. *Ass.* 1699.

### Strathbogie Presbytery.

STRATHBOGIE Presbytery is disjoined from *Aberdeen*, and again annexed to the Province of *Murray*, as formerly. *Act* 4. *Ass.* 1700.

**Students**



Students, and Students having Irish, see  
 Probationers, Act 5. in fine, Bursars, Abroad.  
 Students of Philosophy, see Covenant Act 3.

THAT all Students of Philosophy, at their Entry, and  
 at their Laureation, be holden to subscribe the League  
 and Covenant, and be urged thereto, and all other Per-  
 sons as they come to Age and Discretion, before their  
 first receiving the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. *Act*  
*Ses. 21. Sept. 1. M. 1647.*

Students of Theology, see Ministry, Schools,  
 Act 4. Probationers, Trials.

I. 'Tis appointed, that strict Enquiry be made in-  
 to the Piety, Gravity, Prudence, Sobriety, Orthodoxy,  
 and Learning of such as are offered to Presbyteries,  
 in order to passing their Trials, and that such be rejected  
 who have not sufficient Testimonials from Universities  
 of their good Behaviour and Sufficiency, (and that the  
 usual School Degrees be enquired after, tho' not made  
 a necessary Qualification) or at least, should not be  
 found to have retrieved their lost Time at Schools, by  
 their after Diligence. As also, that such as are esteem-  
 ed to be Vain, or imprudent, or Proud, or worldly  
 minded, by the Generality of sober intelligent Persons,  
 who converse with them, shall be kept back from that  
 sacred Work. *Item.* 'Tis required of the Professors of  
 Divinity, that they require of such Students as they  
 imploy in any Exercises, Testimonials from Universi-  
 ties where they have studied, and Places where they  
 have lived. *Item.* 'Tis required that none be licensed  
 to Preach, or be ordained to the Ministry, unless they  
 give good Proof of their understanding the Greek and  
 Hebrew. And 'tis recommended to all Candidates for the  
 Ministry, to study also the other Oriental Languages,  
 especially the Chaldaick and Syriack, so far as they can.  
*Item.* 'Tis recommended, that they be tried not only in  
 the great Controversies in Religion, but also in the Con-  
 troversies concerning the Discipline and Government of  
 the Church. *Act 22. M. 1696.*

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II. 'Tis appointed, That the Commissioners from the several Presbyteries within this Church bring in an Account to the General Assembly yearly, of all the Students of Divinity, who have past their Trials in order to the Ministry, from one Assembly to another. As also, of all others who have not pasted Trials, that have an Eye to the Holy Ministry, and to attend the Lessons of the several Professors of Divinity in the Universities, and perform the Exercises enjoined them there, that a Roll may be made of them, and their Names read in open Assembly, and recorded in the Registers thereof. *Act 3. Ass. 1697.*

III. 'Tis seriously recommended to the several Presbyteries of this Church, to keep a watchful Eye over all Students of Theology, and to be careful that none be licensed to Preach, or admitted into Churches, but such as shall give Evidence of their Orthodoxy, by signing the *Confession of Faith*, approved by former General Assemblies of this Church, and ratified by Law in the Year 1690, as the *Confession of their Faith*; and of their good Affection to the Government of Church and State; of their peaceable Principles and Disposition, by engaging to observe good Order, in Conjunction with; and a due Subjection to the Judicatures of this Church, and of their Literature, by abiding a strict Trial; and shall own the Presbyterian Government of this Church, to be agreeable to, and founded upon the Word of God; and promise never to endeavour, directly nor indirectly, the Prejudice or Subversion thereof, according to former Acts of Assemblies, thereanent. *Act 16. Ass. 1705.*

Subscribers, see *Titles of Dignity.*

Subscribing of the Covenant, see *Covenant*, *Act 1, 3, 5. Expectants, Act 2. Students of Philosophy.*

Summar Excommunication, see *Excommunication the Greater, Act 1. in princ. Remedies of Sins, and there, General Ecclesiastick Remedy 3.*

Summons, see *Citation, Gross Scandals.*

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**Superior Judicatures, see Deposed Ministers**  
*Act 6.*

**Superstitious Days, see Yule-Day.**

**Supplies, see Vacant Churches.**

**Supplies for the North, see North.**

**I. THE Synods be South Tay are ordained to send Ministers for Supply of Vacancies in the North, until the next Assembly. And 'tis recommended to the respective Presbyteries, punctually to supply the Kirks of those that go North, or are upon the Commission or Committee for the North. Act 14. Ass. 1694.**

**II. SUPPLIES of Ministers are sent to Ross, Sutherland and Caithness. And 'tis appointed that such as have the Irish Language in Lowland Congregations, be sent in Mission, and upon Calls transported by the Commission, and that in the same Way as other Ministers are appointed to be transported to the North. Act 14. Ass. 1696.**

**Supplication, see Large Declaration, Confession of Faith, Act 4. Ratification, Unity in Religion, Act 1. Petition, Tithes.**

**I. RESOLVED, That an humble Supplication be directed to His Majesty, testifying the Assemblies most hearty Thankfulness for His Royal Favour manifested in his publick Indiction of their solemn Meeting, for purging and Preservation of Religion, and informing him from themselves of their most religious and loyal Designs in their Proceedings, and entreating His Majesty's Approbation and Ratification in the then ensuing Parliament to their Constitutions. This Supplication is subjoined to Act Sess. 26. Dec. 20. Ass. 1638.**

**II. SUPPLICATION by the Assembly 1642 to King Charles I. craving that His Majesty would advance the Uniformity of Church-Government betwixt the two Kingdoms. Sess. 8. Aug. 3. Ass. 1642.**

**III. SUPPLICATION by the General Assembly 1648 to the Committee of Estates, entreating them to take such Course, as that the Declaration and Bond, of the**

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Date the 10th of June 1648, insert in *Ses.* 18. July 28, *ante Merid.* which see in *Declaration*, be no further pressed upon the People of God, that they would think upon an effectual Remedy for punishing and redressing the Violence and Oppression of Officers and Soldiers in their Quarterings, and otherwise, that they would take off the Inhibition laid upon Printers, whereby one of the Kirk's Privileges confirmed by Parliament is restrained; and that they would seriously ponder the Assemblies Declaration concerning present Dangers and Duties (insert in *Ses.* 21. July *ult.* *Ass.* 1648, *post Merid.* which see in *Declaration*) then offered to them. *Ses.* 25. Aug. 2. *Ass.* 1648.

IV. SUPPLICATION by the General Assembly 1648, to the King, declaring their Duty and Loyalty to His Majesty: wishing His Majesty a righteous and peaceable Reign, faithfully warning him of his Danger and Duty, declaring their Sympathy with him in his Sufferings and low Condition, and their Abhorrence of what has been done to his Person, and entreating him to see the righteous Hand of the Lord in writing bitter Things against him for all his Provocations, especially, for resisting the Work of Reformation, and authorising by his Commissions, the shedding of the Blood of God's People, and exhorting him to Repent, declaring their Sense of the Unlawfulness of the Engagement, and beseeching His Majesty not to own it, or have any Hand in it, and entreating him to give his Royal Assent for enjoining the League and Covenant in all his Dominions, and for securing Religion, and to employ his Royal Power for advancing of the Kingdom of the Son of God. *Ses.* 40. Aug. 11 *Ass.* 1648.

Supplying of Registers, see *Registers*.

Suspending from the Lord's Table, see *Scandals*, &c. *Act* 4. *Propositions*, &c.

Suspension, see *Hepburn* (Mr. John) *Act* 1.

Sutherland Provincial, see *Caithness*, *Act* 1.

*Supplies*, *Act* 2.

Swearing, see *Prophaneness*, *Act* 2:

Synods



**Synods**, see *Dissenting Voices, Visitation of Colleges, &c. Act. 2. Provincial Assemblies, Novations, Act 1.*

**Synods** *also*, see *Provincial Assemblies, Act 3. Synod Books and Records, see Papists, Act 3. § 3. Act 8. § 6. Act 12. § 4. Rolls.*

**I.** That the Clerk at least subscribe every Synod-Book before it comes to the Assembly, and that every Act be noted in the Margine for a Directory of Expedition. *Acts. & Aff. Sess. 11. Adg. 5. Aff. 1642.*

**II.** That the Books of every Provincial Assembly be brought and produced to every General Assembly, and that every Clerk to the Provincials either bring, or send their said Books yearly to the General Assemblies by the Commissioners sent to the Assemblies from these Presbyteries where the Clerks reside; ay and while some Means be provided; whereby the Clerks Charge may be sustained for coming with the said Books themselves, and that under the pain of Deprivation of the Clerk in case of his Neglect, and of such Censures of the said Commissioners, in case of their Neglect, as the Assembly shall think convenient. *Act Sess. 30 July 29. Aff. 1642.*

**III.** 'Tis recommended to all Synods to take care that their Registers be compleatly filled up; always before the sitting of the General Assembly; and that the Proceedings of every Synod be signed both by the Moderator and Clerk thereof; and the Synod-Books thus filled up and subscribed are appointed to be timeously produced to the General Assembly yearly; in order to their being revised. *Act 11. Aff. 1698.*

**IV.** All Synod-Books are ordered in time coming, to be punctually brought in, and presented to the General Assembly yearly, in the beginning thereof, according to the ancient laudable Custom. *Act 3. Aff. 1702.*

**V.** The following Roll or List of Matters is appointed to be put in the Hands of the Visitors of Synod-Books at each Assembly, for their Direction and Assistance in visiting the said Books, and the Visitors in going thro' the said Books, are carefully to advert, 1mo. If the Advices marked in the former Attestations of the Synod-Books

Books be observed. 2do. If the Books be compleatly filled up, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, as is enjoined by the *Act* 11. *Ass.* 1698, and be produced yearly, according to the *Act* 3. *Ass.* 1702, both which see *supra*. 3do. If the Synods Proceedings be agreeable to the Constitutions of this Church, and Acts of Assembly; and if the Register be correctly written and spelled, without Contractions; and when there is any thing written on the Margine, which should have been in the Body, if it be signed by the Clerk, and where Words are blotted out as superfluous, if it be marked on the Margine how many Words or Lines are blotted out, and that it was done by Authority, and if the Marginal Note be signed by the Moderator and Clerk, and if there be any Blottings or Interlinings in the Register; see *Act* 9. *Ass.* 1706, in *Registers*. 4do. If the Synods do call their Presbyteries to an Account as to their Care about Ministers reading and expounding a large Portion of Scripture in their Congregations every Lord's Day, according to *Act* 9. *Ass.* 1694. *Act* 5. *Ass.* 1704. and *Act* 10. *Ass.* 1706, all which see in *Lawings*. And as to their preaching Catechetical Doctrine, according to *Act* 18. *Ass.* 1695, which see in *Catechetical Doctrine*. 5do. If care be taken that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administrated in each Parish, at least once every Year, and where any Ministers neglect the same, if they be called to an Account, and if their Excuses be either approved, or disapproved, as is enjoined by *Act* 11. *Ass.* 1702, which see in *Lord's Supper*. 6do. If Synods enquire concerning Presbyteries holding Parochial Visitations, and Ministers visiting of Families, according to the 16 *Act* of *Ass.* 1706, which see in *Visitations Presbyterial*, &c. The buying and reading of the Acts and Overtures of the General Assembly, according to *Act* 16. *Ass.* 1700, & *Act* 18. *Ass.* 1705, both which, see in *Acts of Assembly*, and concerning their Diligence in observing the Acts against Prophanity, particularly, *Act* 7. *Ass.* 1699, which see in *Prophaneness*, and enquire after Mortifications for pious Uses, as is enjoined by *Act* 22. *Ass.* 1700, which see in *Visitations Presbyterial*, &c. 7mo. If Synods call their Presbyteries to an Account, as to the Pains they take to get a School settled in every Parish, and provided with a sufficient Master and Maintenance, according to Law, and take care that the School be visited, conform to *Act* 5. *Ass.* 1703. and *Act* 5. *Ass.*

1707, both which see in *Schools*; and if Presbyteries contribute for Bursars having *brish*, according to the 13 Act of Assembly 1706, which see in *School-Masters*; and if the Synods Advice be taken anent Licensing Probationers, according to *Act* 10. *Ass.* 1711, which see in *Probationers*. 8vo. If Synods enquire at Presbyteries concerning the encrease and decrease of Popery, and other Errors, and the Pains taken to reclaim erroneous Persons, see *Act* 8. *Ass.* 1707, in *Papists*. 9no. If Synods take care to have the Acts of Assembly, particularly, *Act* 4. *Ass.* 1712, concerning a Contribution for promoting Christian Knowledge, observed; and if the Account of their Diligence in these Matters be recorded conform to *Act* 11. *Ass.* 1710, &c. (See all the Acts to this Purpose in *Christian Knowledge*.) 10mo. If Presbytery Books be punctually produced, revised and attested, and if Presbyteries undergo their privy Censures every Synod, and if there be a Roll made up of Matters recommended by the General Assembly to Synods, and if the said Roll be recorded, and a Copy thereof given to the Visitors, according to the *Act* 11. *Ass.* 1712, which see in *Rolls*. 11mo. That the Visitors of Synod-Books communicate all their Remarks on these Books to some of the Synod, and hear them thereupon before they bring the same into the Assembly. *Act* 4. *Ass.* 1713.

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**Tack**, see *Ministers*, *Act* 1. and there, *Corruptions in their Office*. § 10.

**Taylor**, (Mr. John) see *Separatists*.

**Testimonials**, see *Schools*, *Act* 4. *Expectants*, *Act* 1. *Bursars*, *Act* 3. § 9. *Act* 8. 12. *Professors of Theology*, *Act* 2. *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Domestick Remedy* 1. and *Ecclesiastick Remedy against Prophaneness*, 7, 8. *Papists*. *Act* 4. § 3, 5. *Prophaneness*, *Act* 1.

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Probationers, *Act 1, 3, 5. Students of Theology, Act 1. Schools, Act 4. in fine, Children, &c. Act 2. North, Act 8, 12. Absolution.*

THAT all Probationers that apply to Presbyteries bring not only sufficient Testimonials, but also a Letter from a known Person to the Presbytery, and that the Presbytery write to them from whom the Testimonials come (if need be) to know the Verity thereof. *MS 13. Ass. 1695.*

Thanksgivings, see *Orders of the Church, Fasts.*

A solemn Thanksgiving for the Nations Deliverance from the threatned Invasion by France in Favours of the Pretender, is appointed by *MS 7. Ass. 1708.*

Theology, see *Bursars, Professors and Students of Theology.*

Time of going to Church, see *Kirk, Tithes.*

THE Parliament is supplicated, that beside the settling of Ministers Stipends done by the Act of Parliament, abolishing Patronages, the Tithes mentioned in that Act may be affected with the Burden of pious Uses within the respective Parishes; and for this Effect, that the sitting of the Commission for Plantation be hastned. *MS 23. July 24. Ass. 1649.*

### Titles of Dignity.

THAT since the Office of *Diocesan, or Lordly Bishop* is utterly abjured and removed out of this Kirk, it is thought fit, that all Titles of Dignity favouring more Popery than of Christian Liberty, as Chapters with their Chapters and Consecrations, Abbots, Priors, Deans, Archdeacons, preaching Deacons, Chanters, Sub-Chanters, and others having the like Title flowing from the Pope, and Canon Law only, as testifieth the second Book of Discipline, be also banished out of this reformed Kirk, and

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never to be usurped or used hereafter, under Ecclesiastical Censure. Sess. 23. & 24. Dec. 17. & 18. Aff. 1638. An. 19.

**Toleration**, see *Representations, Grievances of the Church.*

**Trade**, see *Running Goods.*

**Trades and Employments secular discharged in Ministers**, see *Ministers, Act 1. and there, Corruptions in their Persons and Lives, § 3.*

**Transplantation or Transportation**, see *Stipends.*

I. 'Tis appointed, 1mo. That no Transportation be granted without Citation of Parties having Interest, viz. The Minister who is sought and his Parish, to hear what they can oppose, and the Matter is to come first to both the Presbyteries, viz. That wherein the Minister dwells whose Transportation is sought, and the other Presbytery to which he is sought: If the Kirks ly in several Presbyteries, and if the Presbyteries agree not, the Matter is to be brought to the Synod or General Assembly, which of them shall first occur after the said Transportation is sought; and if the Synod occurring first agree not, or if there be Appeal made from it, then the Matter is to come to the General Assembly. 2do, That Minister may be transplanted from a particular Congregation where he can only do good to a part, to such Place where he may benefit the whole Kirk of Scotland because in Reason, the whole is to be preferred to Part, such as *Edinburgh*. 1mo. Because all the great Justice Courts sit there, as Council, Session, Justice-General, Exchequer, &c. and it concerns the whole Kirk that these Fountains of Justice be kept clean, both point of Faith and Manners. 2do. Because there is great Confluence to *Edinburgh* from Time to Time, many of the chief Members of the whole Kingdom, as it concerns the whole Kirk to have these well seasoned who apparently are to be Instruments of keeping the Kirk and Kingdom in good Temper. That this may be the more easily be done, 'tis recommended to *Edinburgh*.

that some young Men of excellent Spirits be upon the Charges of the Town; trained up at home or abroad, toward the Ministry from Time to Time. 220. The Assembly declares they mean not that all the Places of the Ministers of *Edinburgh* be filled with Ministers to be transported by Authority of this Act; but only till they be provided of one Minister, transplanted by the Authority of the Assembly for every Kirk in *Edinburgh*, and that the rest of the Places be filled up, either according to the general Rules of Transportation for the whole Kingdom, or by Agreement with the actual Ministers and their Parishes, with Consent of the Presbytery or Synod to which they belong. 230. 'Tis found, that it is a transporting of Ministers for publick Good; that Colleges having the Profession of Divinity be well provided of Professors, wherein the College of Divinity in *St. Andrews* is first to be served, without taking any Ministers or Professors out of *Edinburgh*, *Glasgow*, or *Aberdeen*, and then the rest of the Colleges are to be provided for, as their Necessity shall require; yet in Respect of the present Scarcity, it were good for the Universities, to send abroad for able and approved Men to be Professors of Divinity, that our Ministers may be kept in their pastoral Charges, as much as may be; Towns also wherein Colleges are, are very considerable in the Matter of transportation. 400. All Congregations where Noblemen have their chief Residence, are to be regarded, whether planted or unplanted, and a care is to be had, that none be admitted Minister where *Papish* Noblemen reside, but such as are able Men, especially for Controversies, by sight of the Presbytery. And moreover, it is necessary, that such Ministers as dwell where *Papish* Noblemen are, and are not able for Controversies, be transported. 410. They who desire the Transportation of a Minister, should be obliged to give Reasons for their Desire, neither shall any Presbytery or Assembly pass a Sentence for Transportation of any Minister, till they give Reasons for the Expediency of the same, both to him and his Congregation, and to the Presbytery whereof he is a Member, if they do acquiesce to the Reasons given, it is so much the better, if they do not acquiesce, yet the Presbytery or Assembly, by giving such Reasons before the passing of the Sentence, shall make it manifest, that what they do is not *pro arbitrata vel imperio* only, but upon Grounds of Reason. 416. Because there is such

Scarcity of Ministers having the *Irish* Tongue, Necessity requires, that when they be found in the Lowlands, they be transported to the Highlands, providing their Condition be not made worse, but rather better by their Transportation. 7<sup>mo</sup>. In point of voluntary Transportations, that no Ministers transact or agree with any Parish to be transported thereto, without a full Hearing of him and his Parish before the Presbytery to which he belongs in his present Charge, or Superior Church Judicatories, if need shall be. 8<sup>vo</sup>. The planting of vacant Kirks is not to be tied to any, either Minister or Expectants within a Presbytery, but a free Election is to be, according to the Order of the Kirk, and Laws of the Kingdom. 9<sup>no</sup>. That the chief Burghs of the Kingdom be desired to train up young Men of excellent Spirits for the Ministry, according to their Power, as was recommended to *Edinburgh*, which Course will, in time, God willing, prevent many Transportations. *Act Sess. 11. Aug. 5. Ass. 1642.*

II. 'Tis recommended to all Parishes, who are or may be vacant, that before they design the Calling of any Minister already fixed in another Congregation, they first seriously essay and follow other Means of providing themselves, if they can be found; and it is recommended to all Presbyteries, that they do not concur in any such Call, or design of transporting a Minister from one Congregation to another, unless by due comparing of Places, and all Parties concerned, the Disproportion betwixt them, and the greater Good of the Church be manifestly evident. And sicklike, when any such Design of Transportation is pursued, the Assembly ordains, that all Parties concerned therein shall Debate with such Meekness and brotherly Kindness as becometh Parts and Members of the same Body of Christ, designing the Good of the whole, and that they represent their Reasons and Answers with due Perspicuity, and all possible Brevity; and that they do not needlessly expatiate on things which concern not the true Merits of the Cause, and the Assembly prohibits all lengthening of Debates by Replies and Duplies, unless the Judicatory before whom the Debate lies, find it necessary for clearing some Matter of Fact, or because of some new Matter that hath occurred, which could not be considered before, and to prevent unnecessary and contentious Appeals in such Matters. 'Tis declared and ordained, that if both the

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competing Parishes be within the Bounds of the same Presbytery, in that case, the Decision and Sentence of the Presbytery shall take effect, and be obeyed; or if the Parishes be in different Presbyteries, but both Presbyteries within the same Synod, in that case, the Decision and Sentence of the Synod shall also take effect and be obeyed; yet always allowing Liberty to any Person or Parish, who think themselves grieved, to Appeal to superior Judicatures, to have Redress by taking off the Sentence, and censuring the respective Judicatory complained of, if they be found to have malevered; but with this Certification, That if any be found unnecessarily to pursue Appeals and Complaints, they shall be severely Censured therefore. *Act 6. Ass. 1694.*

III. TO prevent the rabbling of Messengers by the People and horrid Prophanation of the *Lord's Day*, which frequently falls out in Cases of Transportation, when the defending Parties or Parish are to be summoned, 'tis appointed and ordained, that the Minister himself, being summoned *apud acta* at the Presbytery, or if absent, by the Presbyteries Letter, be present at the Day appointed for hearing the Cause: He also be ordered to intimate out of the Pulpit to the Heritors, Elders, and others concerned in the Parish, that there is such a Call, and such a Transportation designed; and if any of them have a mind to defend their Right to their Minister, they are to be present at the Presbytery on such a Day, and ready to make their Defences; for which Cause the Assembly ordains the Call, with the Reasons thereof, to be given or transmitted to the Minister, to be by him communicated to them, and appoints this Method of Citation in Cases of Transportations, to be observed, only where the Presbyteries concerned shall see cause, to take that Course, in which Case the Citation so given, is declared to be a valid Citation, but that it shall be optional to the Presbytery to follow this Course, or do it by Officials as formerly. *Act 7, Ass. 1704.*

Travellers, and Travelling, see *Lord's Day*, *Act 3. Sabbath*, *Act 3.* and *Sabbath-breaking.*



**T**rials, and Trial of Intrants, see *Ministers*, Act 1, and there, *Corruptions in their Office*, § 1, 2, 3, 4. and Act 2, and there, *Remedies of their Enormities*, § 2. and Act 7. *Expectants*, Act 1, 3, 4. *Students of Theology*, Act 1, 3, *Schools*, Act 4. *Probationers*, *Visitations of Kirks*, &c. Act 1.

'Tis appointed, That strict Notice be taken of such as pass their Trials in order to the Ministry; and for that End, all former Acts of Assembly made in relation thereto, and in particular, the Article allowed by the General Assembly 1596, and approv'd in the General Assembly 1638, Art. 13. Sess. 7. (which see in *Ministers Admonition*) renewed ult. Aug. 1647. Sess. 27. anent the Age of such; (which see in *Expectants*); as also, the Tenth Act of the Assembly 1694, (which see in *Probationers*) and the 22 Act of General Assembly 1696. (which see in *Students*) are all ratified and revived. And further, 'tis ordained, That the Catechetick Trials be not perfunctoriously gone about; and that Presbyteries do appoint some of their Number to examine them in their own Presence, upon the several Heads of Divinity, and the Government of the Church, and to know what Reason they can give of their Faith, and Sentiments in these Matters; and if they can answer some principal Objections, and that previously to all other Parts of their Trials: And that this be not done hastily, but that a particular competent Time be allowed for that purpose; and that there be one Trial also given to Probationers, of their Gifts as to Lecturing: And all the several Synods are required and enjoined, at their privy Censures, to make strict Enquiry, how the Presbyteries within their Bounds have observed this, and other Acts of Assembly made to this purpose. Act 10. Act 1704.

**T**riple in Fornication, see *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Ecclesiastick Remedy against Prophaneness*, 5.

### Tunes Common.

'Tis recommended to Presbyteries, to use Endeavours to have such Schoolmasters chosen as are capable to teach the

the Common Tunes; and to take Care that Children be taught to sing the said Tunes: And that the said Schoolmasters not only pray with their Scholars, but also sing a Part of a Psalm with them at least once every Day. *Act 7. Ass. 1713.*

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**Uncleanness, see Father, Confession of Parties.**

**I**N Delations about the Sin of Uncleanness, often not the Act, but only Presumptions of Guilt and scandalous Behaviour can be proven; therefore the Kirk-Session should be very cautious how to admit the publick entering a Process without good Warrants, where there is not a Child in the Case, unless the Scandal be very flagrant. *Form Proc. Cap. 4. § 1. Act 11. Ass. 1707.* Many of these Actions which occasion a Scandal of Uncleanness, are not, in themselves, publicly censurable, but are to be past with a private Rebuke or Admonition. *Ibid. § 2.*

**Uncustomed Goods, see Running Goods.**

**Unity of the Church, and Uniformity in Religion and Worship see Catechising, Act 2, 3. Supplication, Act 2. Declaration, Act 1, 3, 6. Directory for Worship, Commissions of Assemblies, Act 2, 10, 11, 12. Ministers, Act 7. § 5.**

**I.** THE Moderator and Commissioners of the Assembly are enjoined, with all Earnestness and Respect to supplicate the Lords of Council and Conservators of the Peace, that they may concur with the Kirk, in desiring His Majesty and the Parliament of England, and the Commissioners of Scotland at London for the Time, by all possible Means, Civil and Ecclesiastick, to advance the blessed Work of Unity in Religion, and Uniformity of Kirk-Government betwixt the Kingdoms; and to endeavour a happy Settlement betwixt His Majesty and his Parliament, and that the common Peace betwixt the Kingdoms

may be continued and strengthened: *Act* Sess. II. Aug. 5 *Ass.* 1642.

II. ALL Ministers and People are charged to abstain from all divisive Courses, upon Occasion of different Sentiments and Practices about the *Oath of Abjuration*; and that they would, notwithstanding thereof, live in Love and Christian Communion together, and strengthen one anothers Hands in their Work, and use all prudent and gaining Methods to keep the People in due Subjection and Love to their own Pastors, &c. *Act* 6. *Ass.* 1713.

II. THE Exhortations contained in the foresaid *Act* 6. *Ass.* 1713 are renewed: And all Ministers and People are seriously obtested to lay to Heart the important Duties therein recommended, and that there be no distinguishing Courses taken, contrary thereunto, on the Occasion of Celebrating the holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, which ought to be the Bond of Love and Unity among Christians. And a Committee is appointed to consider any Representations that might be offered to them concerning Brethren that may follow divisive Courses, and to deal with them in order to remove their Scruples, and to reclaim them to their Duty, and to report their Diligence to the *Commission*; who are empowered, from Time to Time, to give the Committee Instructions and Directions in their Procedure, and to cognosce and determine in this Affair. *Act* 8. *Ass.* 1714.

IV. ALL are exhorted to avoid irregular and disorderly Practices: And all the Ministers of this Church are obtested, carefully to guard against the distinguishing Course taken by some in the Choice of their Assistants, at the Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. *Act* 6. *Ass.* 1715.

Uniting of Churches, see *Plantation of Kirks*, &c.

Universities, see *Colleges*, *Learning*.

I. 'Tis recommended to the Parliament, 1mo, That, out of the Rents of the Prelacies, Collegiate or Chapter-Kirks, or sicklike, a sufficient Maintenance be provided for a competent Number of Professors, Teachers or Bursars in all Faculties, and especially in Divinity; and for upholding, repairing, and enlarging the Fabrick of the Colleges, furnishing of Libraries, and sicklike good Uses,



in every University and College. 2do. That there be a Meeting, once every Year, at such Times and Places as shall be agreed upon, of Commissioners from every University and College, to consult and determine upon their common Affairs, and whatsoever may concern them; and who may represent what's needful therein to Parliament and General Assembly. 3do. That special Care be had, that the Places of the Professors, especially Professors of Divinity in every University and College, be filled with the ablest Men, and best affected to the Reformation and Order of this Kirk. Sess. 9 Aug. 3. *Ass.* 1641.

II. 'Tis recommended to all Universities, 1mo, To be careful to take Account of all the Scholars on the Sabbath-day, of the Sermons, and of their Lessons of the Catechism. 2do. To send their Commissioners instructed with Answers to the Overtures agreed upon by the Commissioners of Universities, and that against their Commissioners come, in February or March, to the Commission of the Kirk. Sess. 28. Aug. ult. *Ass.* 1647.

III. 'Tis recommended to the several Presbyteries, in whose Bounds Colleges or Universities are, to take particular Care; that all the Masters thereof do acknowledge, profess and subscribe, in Manner appointed by the 6th *Act* of the *Parl.* 1707, entituled, *Act for securing the Protestant Religion and Presbyterian Church-Government*: And to take special Notice of what is taught in Colleges and Universities; and that nothing be taught therein contrair to, or inconsistent with the *Confession of Faith* of this Church, or the Worship, Discipline or Government of the same; and to observe the Morals and Conversation both of Masters and Scholars; and that they apply first to the Faculties of the Universities or Colleges for Redress: And in case any Difficulties do occur to the Presbyteries which they cannot overcome, they are appointed, to lay the same before the Synod, General Assembly, or Commission thereof; who are to consider the Representations, and give their Advice and Assistance in these Things. *Act* 14. *Ass.* 1711.

IV. THE Commission is instructed, carefully to advert to any Thing whereby they may contribute to the Flourishing of the Sciences and good Literature, and to the propagating of Religion and Loyalty in Universities; and particularly, that they diligently enquire, what Privileges and Interest the Judicatures of this Church, or the Ministers thereof, have by the Constitutions of the several Universities and Colleges, and by the Laws of the Land



Land, with respect to the Settlement of the Masters and Professors in them: Which the Assembly appoints the *Commission*, by all just Methods, to maintain inviolably, and improve towards the promoting of the foresaid Interests of true Piety and Learning; and for this End, to receive and give all due Encouragement, to whatever Applications may be made to them to this Effect. *Act 12. Adj. 1719.*

**Unlawful Bond,** see *Bond.*

**Unsoundness in Doctrine,** see *Ministers, Act 1,* and there, *Corruptions in their Office, § 5. & Act 5, § 2, 8. Act 7, § 1, 2, 3.*

**Usury,** see *Ocker.*

## V.

### Vacant Churches.

**I. ALL** Ministers appointed by the General Assemblies or their Authority, to labour for some Time in these Corners of the Church where Vacancies are most numerous, are obtested and beseeched to be diligent and faithful in their Performance of what is appointed them: And in case any Minister shall not exactly and timeously perform their respective Appointments, particularly in going to the *North*; they are ordered to be suspended from the Exercise of their Ministry, for the Space of Three Months, by their respective Presbyteries, as soon as they begin to neglect this Duty: And the Moderators of the several Presbyteries are required to move and propose to the Presbyteries to proceed to inflict the Censures above appointed without Delay: And in case any Moderator shall neglect & delay the Performance of his Duty hereby required, that he be suspended from the Exercise of his Ministry by the next ensuing Synod of the Bounds, for the Space of 3 Months: And in case that inevitable Impediments fall providentially in the Way of the Minister thus appointed for Supplies, that cannot but free the Minister of any Neglect, that the Presbtery he belongs unto record the same in their Registers, and produce them to their Synod

mod at their next Meeting, to be by them judged; but withall, the Presbytery, in that case, shall be oblig'd to send another, under the same Certification: But so soon as he applies to the Presbytery, and offers Obedience, the Presbytery shall be obliged to take off the Act of Suspension: And the Assembly appoints their Churches to be supplied daily, at least Two *Sabbaths* of Three, during their Absence. And the Ministers appointed to make these Supplies, in case of their Neglect, are to be Presbyterially rebuked, and that insert in the Records of the Presbytery. And that Synods do particularly enquire anent, and see to the Execution of this Act, and report to the next ensuing Assembly. *Act 8. Ass. 1697.*

II. EVERY Minister is prohibited to take upon him to preach in vacant Congregations, not within the Bounds of his own Presbytery, without an Invitation, either from the Presbytery of the Bounds; or at least from some neighbouring Minister in that Presbytery. *Act 15. Ass. 1711.*

### Vacant Stipends.

'Tis recommended to His Majesty's High Commissioner, that he would, in the Assembly's Name, apply to their Majesties for a general Recommendation to the Lords of Privy Council, Lords of Treasury and Exchequer, Lords of Session, and other Judges whatsoever, in favours of such as shall, by Order of the Assembly, serve vacant Congregations in the North; that they may have Access for Maintenance out of the vacant Stipends, during the Time they serve. *Act 15. Ass. 1694.*

### Vagrant Ministers, see Irregularities.

'Tis seriously recommended to all Synods and Presbyteries, that they advert to the many Irregularities committed by vagrant unfix'd Ministers; many of whom are lying under Ecclesiastick Censures, to the great Scandal and Hindrance of the Gospel, and tending to the renting of Churches and Congregations: And prudently to proceed to take such Course with them, as the Circumstances of the Case and Time requires. And Presbyteries, where any great Difficulty occurs in Cases of this Nature, are appointed to consult their Synods, or the

*Commission* of the Assembly thereanent, before they proceed to any further Censure. *Act* 23. *Ass.* 1696.

*Matricums*, see *North*, *Act* 11, 14. *Probationers*. *Act* 6.

*Visitations of Kirks, Colleges and Schools*, see *Schools*, *Act* 2. § 6. *Act* 4. *Covenant*, *Act* 5. *Colleges*, *Act* 1. § 1. *Schoolmasters*, *Act* 2.

I. THE Acts of Assembly, holden at *Edinburgh* the 25th of *June* 1565, *Sess.* 2. anent the Visitation of Kirks, Schools and Colleges, ordained to be put in Execution; and that the Minister of the Parish, the Principal, Regents and Professors within the Colleges, and Masters and Doctors of Schools, be tried concerning the Soundness of their Judgment in Matters of Religion, their Ability for Discharge of their Calling, and the Honesty of their Conversation; as the Act of Assembly at *Edinburgh* *June* 21 1567. *Sess.* 3. and the Act of Assembly holden at *Montrose* 1595, *Sess.* 9. do import: And that this Visitation of Colleges be by way of Commission from the Assembly. *Act* *Sess.* 23 & 24. Dec. 17 & 18, *Ass.* 1638. § 4.

II. 'Tis recommended to Synods, to take Account of the Observation of the Overtures, *Sess.* 14. Feb. 7. *Ass.* 1645. for Visitation of Schools, and Advancement of Learning, (which see in *Colleges*) *Act* *Sess.* 28. Aug. ult. *Ass.* 1647.

*Visitations Ministerial of Families*, see *Prophaneness*, *Acts* 4 & 5.

I. SOME Overtures concerning the Ministerial Visitation of Families are transmitted to Presbyteries, for their Opinion about them. *Act* 4. *Ass.* 1707.

II. THE following Articles are unanimously recommended to the Ministers of this Church; not as binding Rules, but as an Help to them in their visiting of Families: viz. That Ministers visit all the Families in their Parish, at least once a Year, if the same be large; and oftner, if the Parish be small: And in the Management of that Work, 'tis advised, *imo*, That ere a Minister set out

out to this Work, he labour to have his own Heart in a suitable Frame for it. *2do.* That he choose such a Time in the Year as his People may be best at Leisure to meet with him; and that due Intimation be made of the Minister's Design to visite, that the People may order their Affairs so, that he may find them at Home. *3to.* That he be accompanied with the Elder of the Bounds; with whom he may confer, before they go forth to the Work, about the State and Condition of the Persons and Families of these Bounds, that the Minister may be able to speak the more suitable to their Condition, and as may be most for Edification. *4to.* When they enter a House, after a short Account of the Design of the Visit, they are to take an Account of the Names of the Family, Parents, Children and Servants; and enquire for Testificates from them who are lately come to the Parish, and to mark them in their Roll for Catechising; and to take Notice who can read, and of the Age of Children, when capable for Catechising. *5to.* Then the Minister may speak to them all in general, of the Necessity of Regeneration, and the Advantages of serious Religion and Godliness; of Piety towards God, and Justice and Charity towards Man. *6to.* And next, more particularly, to the Servants, of their Duty to fear and serve God; and to be dutiful, faithful and obedient Servants; and of the Promises made to such: Commending to them the Reading of the Scriptures as they can, and Prayer in secret, and Love and Concord among themselves; and in particular, a holy Care of sanctifying the Lord's Day. *7timo.* The Minister is to apply his Discourse to the Children, as they are capable, with affectionate Seriousness; shewing them the Advantages of knowing, loving, seeking and serving God, and remembering their Creator and Redeemer in the Days of their Youth, and honouring their Parents; and to remember how they were dedicated to God in Baptism; and when of Age, and fit, and after due Instruction of the Nature of the Covenant of Grace, and Seals thereof, to excite them to engage themselves personally to the Lord, and to desire and pray for, and take the first Opportunity they can, of partaking of the Lord's Supper; to be specially careful how they communicate at first, much depending thereon: (And such of the Servants as are young, are to be exhorted hereto in like Manner) Exciting them also to daily Reading of the Scriptures, and to secret Prayer, and sanctifying the

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*Lord's Day.* 8<sup>vo</sup>. After this he should speak privately to the Master and Mistress of the Family about their personal Duty toward God, and the care of their own Souls Salvation, and their Obligations to promote Religion and the Worship of God in their Families, and to restrain and punish Vice, and encourage Piety, and to be careful that they and their House serve the Lord, and sanctify the *Lord's Day*. After this it may be fit, 1<sup>mo</sup>. To exhort Masters to take care that God be worshipped daily in their Family, by Prayer and Praise, and reading of the Scriptures. 2<sup>do</sup>. They should enquire of him concerning the Conversation and Behaviour of the Servants; and their Duty towards God and Man, and how they attend the Worship of God in the Family, and the publick Worship on the *Lord's Day*, and how they behave after Sermons, if any of them be piously inclined, if they make Conscience of secret Prayer and Reading of the Scriptures. 3<sup>do</sup>. If there be catechising and instructing of the Ignorant and Weak, if due care be taken in educating the Children, and particularly, if they be put timeously to School, and how they profit thereat, and how the *Lord's Day* is spent after Sermons in the Family, and in secret, in all which the Minister may mix in suitable Directions, Encouragements, and Admonitions, as he shall see cause, and most for Edification. 9<sup>mo</sup>. He may enquire who have Bibles, and encourage them who are able to get a Bible of their own, and to make diligent and religious Use thereof, and to recommend to Parents and Masters of Families to have the Confession of Faith, Catechisms, and other good Books for Instruction in Faith and Manners. 10<sup>mo</sup>. If any be tainted with Errors, or given to Vice, they should be particularly dealt with and spoken to, either privately, or before others, as may be most for Edification; and all in the Family are to be exhorted to watch and edify one another, and to carry toward any that walk disorderly, according to the Rule, *Matth. xviii. 15.* 11<sup>mo</sup>. If there be any Difference or Division, either in the Family, or with the Neighbours, the Minister should endeavour to remove the same, and to make Peace, and to excite to follow it with all Men, as far as possible. 12<sup>mo</sup>. It may be also enquired at those who received Tokens to Communicate the last Season for it, whether they have made use of them or not; and those who have Communicated may be enquired privately, how they have profited thereby, and excited to remember

member to pay their Vows to the Lord. 13<sup>th</sup>. If there be any in the Parish who keep not Church Communion with us, whatever their Motives be, Ministers ought to deal with God for them, and with themselves in such a Way as may be most proper to gain them, and exoner their own Consciences before God and his People, waiting if God peradventure will prevail with them, who can tell but our making them sensible of our tender Love and Affection to their Persons, especially to their Souls, giving them all due Respect, and doing them all the Good we can, yet still discountenancing their Sin, may in the End be blessed of God for their Good, *Jude xxiii.* 23. 2 *Tim. ii.* 23, 25. All this should be carried on with dependance on God, and fervent Prayer to him, both before a Minister set forth for such a Work, and with the visited, as there shall be access to, and Opportunity for it. *Act 10. Ass. 1708.*

*Visitations Presbyterial of Parishes, see Ministers, and there, Remedies of their Enormities, § 3. Family Exercises, Remedies of Sins, and there, Ecclesiastick Remedy 4. Worship Secret, Act 1. Worship Publick.*

I. THAT Visitation of particular Kirks within Presbyteries be made once every Year, and that thereat a care be had amongst other things, that it be tried how domestick Exercises of Religion are exercised in particular Families, and what Means there is in every Parish in Landward for Catechising, and instructing the Youth. *Act Sess. 23. & 24. Dec. 17. & 18. Ass. 1638. Art. 3.*

II. 'Tis recommended to all Presbyteries, to be diligent and careful in visiting the Parishes within their Bounds, and to take particular notice how all Sums of Money mortified, or otherwise belonging to the Poor of the Parish have been managed and applied from Time to Time, and if they shall find any Dilapidations of any such Sums, that these guilty thereof may be pursued according to Law, and that the several Synods take Account of the Presbyteries within their Bounds, of their Diligence therein. *Act 22. Ass. 1700.*

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III. **T**is seriously recommended and enjoined to all Presbyteries to be more frequent and conscientious in visiting Parishes, conform to the Acts of former General Assemblies thereanent, and the Commission is appointed to draw up and prepare a Directory for Ministerial Visitation of Families, and present the same to the next General Assembly. *Act 16. Ass. 1706.*

**V**isitations by Elders, see *Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Ecclesiastick Remedies against Prophaneness* 2.

**M**inisters of Books, see *Rolls*, *Synod-Books*, *Bursars*, *Act 5.*

**V**oices, and voicing or voting, see *Kirk-Sessions*, *dissenting Voices.*

## W.

**W**arning, see *Declaration*, *Act 4, 5, 7.* *Remonstrance*, *Supplications*, *Act 4.*

I. **A** Solemn and seasonable Warning from the General Assembly 1645, to the Noblemen, Barons Gentlemen, Burrows, Ministers and Commons of Scotland; as also to the Armies within and without the Kingdom, holding forth, how the Nation ought to be affected with the present Mercies and Judgments, what Use is to be made of the Lord's Dealings, and what is required of a People so dealt with, and shewing the Cause of the present Calamities to be the Sins of the Land, particularly, *imo.* Contempt, Neglect, and Disesteem of the glorious Gospel, Unbelief, Unfruitfulness, Lukewarmness, Formality, Hardness of Heart, not receiving, nor seeking to know and glorify Christ in all his Offices, hating, mocking at, and neglecting the Power of Godliness, not observing the Sabbath, neglect of Christian Conferences, Family Exercises, and Ministers strengthening the Hearts and Hands of the Prophane, and not taking heed to their Ministry. *240.* The breach of Covenant,

venant, the many Ways mentioned in that Warning. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Not glorifying God for former Mercies, nor making a right Use of them. 4<sup>th</sup>. Sending forth the Armies presumptuously without Repentance, and first making Peace with God, and for Remedy of these Calamities, exhorting to Humiliation, Repentance, Faith, amendment of Life, and fervent Prayer; and shewing the Cause of the then present Dangers, to be from a *Popish* prelatical, and an avowed malignant Faction, from secret Malignants and Discovenanters characterised in the said Warning, and exhorting People to appear actively, and stretch themselves to, yea, beyond their Power for the Cause of God; That Ministers stir up others by faithful Preaching and Admonition; That the Armies beware of Ungodliness, not trusting to their own Strength, but to God; That People of all Sorts call to mind their solemn Covenants, and pay their Vows to the most High, and contribute willingly for prosecuting the War against the Enemies of the Reformation, and that they Assist and Defend one another in maintaining and pursuing thereof. *Ses. 18. Feb. 12. Ass. 1645.*

II. THE Proceedings of the Commission of the Assembly 1713, are approved, and they are thanked particularly for their Zeal against *Poper*y, and their seasonable impressing the Minds of the People with Loyalty to Her Majesty, Firmness to the Protestant Succession in the Illustrious Family of *Hanover*, and just Aversion to the Pretender, all fully exprest in a seasonable Warning given and published by the said Commission. *Ass. 9. Ass. 1714.*

illegal unlawful, see *Declaration, Act 5.*

THAT all these who joined in the unlawful Engagement in War against *England*, and were censured by the Commission of the General Assembly 1648, with Suspension, from the renewing of the Covenant, and from the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper, and withal, who do not by their Addresses to Church Judicatories, testify their dislike thereof, and give Evidence of their Repentance therefore, be processed, and continuing obstinate, be excommunicated; but, if withal they go on in promoting malignant Designs, that they be forthwith ex-



communicated. As also, that all such Persons guilty as aforesaid, who after Profession of Repentance, relapse to the promoting of any malignant Design, be forthwith excommunicated. 2do. If they desire to testify their Repentance, that besides any Confession in publick before the Congregation, they subscribe also the Declaration subjoined to this Act, of their unfained Detestation and Renunciation of that Engagement, and all other malignant Courses, contrair to the Covenant and Cause, promising to keep themselves from such Ways in time coming, and acknowledging, that if they shall fall into such Defection thereafter, they may justly be accounted Perfidious Backsliders, and breakers of the Covenant, and Oath of God, and be proceeded against with the highest Censures of the Kirk. 3to. That such as joined in Arms or Council, or were general Persons, or Colonels in the late Engagement; or who went to *Ireland* to bring over Forces for that Effect, or who had been eminently active in contriving of, or seducing to the said Engagement, or whosoever above the degree of a Lieutenant, commanded these Parties, who in promoting its Ends, shed Blood within the Kingdom, or above that Degree, commanded in the Rebellion in the North, be not admitted or received to give Satisfaction, but by the General Assembly, or their Commissioners. 4to. That the rest may be received by the Presbyteries where they reside. 5to. That all who have been guilty as aforesaid, before their receiving to the Covenant, make a publick Acknowledgement in such Manner, and before such Congregations, as the Commission of the General Assembly, or Presbyteries *respective* shall prescribe, according to the Degree of their Offence and Scandal given. 6to. That none of the foresaid Persons be admitted or received as Elders in any Judicatures of the Kirk, but according to the Act of the General Assembly of the last of *August* 1647, against Compliers of the first Class (which Act see in *Compliers, &c.*) That for the determining of the Truth, and Sincerity of the Repentance of those who desire to be admitted to the Covenant and Communion, they be not admitted thereto, till after exact Trial for some competent Time, they give Evidence of their Repentance, and Presbyteries are ordained, to make Intimation of this Act in all the Kirks of their Bounds, and to send in an Account of their Diligence to the Commission, *Act* Sep. 19, July 29. *Ass.* 1649.

**Allebster** (Mr. James) see *Doctrine*.

**Alleddings**, see *Penny Bridals*.

**Alleckly Catechising and Preaching**, see *Remedies of Sins*, and there, particular *Ecclesiastick Remedy* 1.

**Widows.**

'Tis recommended, 1mo. To every Minister in *Scotland*, to dedicate the tenth of his Stipend for one Year, for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Ministers of this Church, and 'tis appointed to be paid in, in Money, and no otherwise, to the Ministers of each Presbytery, betwixt and the 15th of May 1719, or betwixt and the 15th of May 1721, with the ordinary Annualrent thereof, from the said 15th of May 1719 to the Time that the same shall be paid in; and if they fail, Presbyteries and Synods are discharged to receive the same, tho' afterwards offered, and every Synod is appointed to nominate a responsal Person within their Bounds, for receiving the same from the Moderators of the Presbyteries. 2do. That every Minister thereafter to be ordained or admitted, within the Bounds of any Synod, do, within the Space of two Years after his Admission, pay in his said Tenth, if he has not already paid it in another Synod; And it's declared, that his Relict and Children shall be entituled to a share of the Fund in that Synod, where he paid, and not in that where he last served, except he have contributed in that Synod also, which it's declared he has Liberty to do, or not, as he pleases. 3tio. The Money collected in every Synod is appointed to be turned into a Stock, to be lent out upon good Security, and only the yearly Interest thereof is to be distributed, and the Stock kept entire; and if the Annualrent shall at any time happen to do more than serve the exigencies of the Widows and Children of that Synod, the superplus Annualrent is to be added to the Stock, in order to encrease the Fund. 4to. The contributors in every Synod are appointed to have the Management of what Sums shall be collected, and given for the Ends foresaid, to the Widows and Children of Ministers, who have served and contributed within their Bounds, and none other

are to have Right thereto. 5<sup>to</sup>. No Ministers Widows and Children shall have any Benefit from this Fund, except their Husbands or Fathers have actually paid their Tenth, and do instruct the same. 6<sup>to</sup>. No Ministers Widow shall have any Title to the Fund, after they shall be married to another Husband, or Children after their Marriage, or their being in case to do for themselves, or be known to have a Competency to subsist upon, or shall be found unworthy thereof, by any unsuitable Carriage, of all which, the Contributors within the Bounds of every Synod are to be the Judges. 7<sup>mo</sup>. No Widow or Child entituled to a Share of this Fund, shall be allowed above ten Pound *Sterling* thereof, and the Contributors are allowed to give less, and in such Proportions as the Fund will bear, and the Circumstances of the Persons require. 8<sup>vo</sup>. If any other Charitable disposed Persons, besides Ministers, shall think fit to contribute, 'tis declared, that they shall have a Vote and Power in the Management and Distribution of the foresaid Funds, provided that their said Contribution be not under ten Pounds *Sterling*. And it's declared, that none shall have a Vote or Power in the Management and Distribution of this Fund, but such as have contributed thereto, and for that End it's appointed, that there be a Meeting of those Persons every Synod, for ordering what concerns this Matter, and the Moderator of the Synod shall preside in that Meeting, and the Clerk of the Synod shall be Clerk thereto, if they have contributed, but if not, the Assembly appoints others to be chosen; and the Contributors are allowed to appoint a Committee of their Number, to manage the Concerns of this Fund, in the Intervals of the Synods Meetings, but that Committee is to have no Power to dispose of any Part of the Money, and they are appointed to Report an Account of their Actings to the next Meeting at the Synod. 9<sup>mo</sup>. The Assembly discharges any Distribution to be made, but at the ordinary Diets of the Synod, and the plurality of the Meeting shall by their Vote determine any Difference that may arise about the Matter. 10<sup>mo</sup>. 'Tis declared, that such Presbyteries, as have already settled a Fund for their Widows and Children, shall be at Liberty, either to keep and manage the same themselves, or join with the Synod, as they shall think best, provided that the *Quota* of the Presbyteries said Fund do exceed a tenth Part of the whole Stipends within the said Presbytery,



tery, and that they declare their Resolution at the Meeting of their Synod, preceeding the Year 1719. And *Lastly*, 'Tis declared, that if any Event unforeseen shall fall in, that may hinder the Execution of the above Articles, in the Manner that they are proposed, the Premises shall be ordered and managed, according to further Rules and Directions to be given by the subsequent General Assemblies of this Church, *Act* 4. *Ass.* 1718.

*Wigtoun Presbytery*, see *Stranrawer Presbytery*, *Dalry*.

*Witches and Witchcraft*, see *Gross Sins*, *Gross Scandals*.

I. THAT all Ministers within the Kingdom carefully take notice of Charmers, Witches, and all such Abusers of the People, and to urge the Acts of Parliament to be executed against them; and that the Commissioners from the Assembly to the Parliament do recommend to the said supreme Judicature, the care of the Execution of the Laws against such Persons, in the most behoof-ful Way. *Act* *Ses.* 2. July 29. *Ass.* 1640.

II. THE Assembly taking to Heart the abundance and increase of the Sin of Witchcraft, in all the Sorts and Degrees of it, in that Time of Reformation, and finding the Occasions thereof to be these, Especially, 1<sup>mo</sup>. Extremity of Grief, Malice, Passion, and desire of Revenge, pinching Poyerty, Solicitation of other Witches and Charmers, for in such Cases, the Devil assails them, offers Aid and much prevails. 2<sup>do</sup>. That the Reasons and Causes of Satan's prevailing are, gross Ignorance, great Infidelity, want of the Love of the Truth, which God hath made so long and clearly to shine in the Land, and Prophaneness of Life. 3<sup>rd</sup>. That the Means and Ways to bring them to a Confession and Censure, are, That a standing Commission for a certain Time be had from the Lords of Secret Council, or Justice-General, to some understanding Gentlemen and Magistrates within the Bounds of Presbyteries that should craye it, giving them Power to apprehend, try, and execute Justice against such Persons, as are guilty of Witchcraft within these Presbyteries, because many Parishes did want the Concurrence of Civil Magistrates. 4<sup>th</sup>. That the Grounds of apprehending



hending them may be, a reigning Brute of Witchcraft, backed with Delations of confessing Witches being confronted with them; also Depositions of honest Persons, anent Malefices committed, or Cures used by them. 5<sup>to</sup>. That being apprehended, honest and discreet Persons be appointed to watch them, lest they be suborned or hardened by others, or do destroy themselves. 6<sup>to</sup>. That Ministers be careful at all Times, especially Morning and Evening, to deal with them by Prayer and Conference, while they are in Prison or Restraint. 7<sup>mo</sup>. The Assembly found that the Means to prevent this Wickedness are, That Ministers be every way careful and painful, in warning People of the Dangers thereof, and of Satan's Temptations, both privately and publickly, and to instruct them in the Knowledge of the Gospel, and Grounds of Religion, by plain catechising, to urge lively Faith in Christ, which Faith Witches bestow otherwise; Also to press Holiness of Life and fervent Prayer in private in Families, and in publick, that they be not led into Temptation; and to use the Censures of the Kirk against Prophaneness, such as Cursers, Whores, Drunkards, and such like, for over such the Devil gets great Advantage. And finally, For preventing of this hainous Sin, that People seek Knowledge, study to Believe, walk in Holiness, and continue constant and instant in Prayer; and because Charming is a Sort and Degree of Witchcraft, and too ordinarie in the Land, all Ministers are enjoined to take particular Notice of them, to search them out, and such as consult with them; and that the Elders carefully concur in such Search; and that an uniform Way of Censuring those Charmers, and such as Employ them or Consult with them, be thought upon; and every Presbytery is ordained to take to their Consideration, by what other Ways or Means, the Sins aforesaid of Witchcraft, Charming and Consulting with Witches and Charmers, and sicklike Wickedness may be tried, restrained, and condignly censured and punished, ecclesiastically and civilly, and to Report their Judgment therein to the next Assembly. *Act Sess. ult. Aug. 19. 1643.*

III. SOME Ministers are appointed to consider seriously the Growth of that Sin of Witchcraft, Charming and Consulting, and to Consult and Advise therein among themselves, and also with some Lawyers and Physicians therein named, severally or together, as Oc-

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cession shall offer, of a Way for Trial and Punishment of those Sins, and to Report from Time to Time to the Commission, who were to Report to the then next General Assembly. *Act Sess. ult. Aug. 16. A.J. 1649.*

**Withdrawers from Ordinances**, see *Worship secret and private*, *Act 1. § 4. 8. Worship Publick.*

**Witnesses**, see *Exculpation, Ministers*, *Act 5. § 5, 7.*

A List of the Witnesses Names ought to be given to the Defenders sometime before, or at least at their Appearance, and Witnesses ought to be timeously cited, and if they refuse, after three Citations and Executions returned, they may be proceeded against as Contumacious, or after the first or second Citation, Application may be made to the Civil Magistrate to oblige them to compar. *Form Proc. Cap. 2. § 9. Act 11. A.J. 1707.* Before Witnesses be judicially examined, the accused Person is to be called, and the Relevancy of the Libel discussed; and if a Party make any relevant Objections against the Witnesses, and make his Objections evident, the Witnesses are to be cast, but the Delator or Informer may be a Witness, except where he formally complains for his own Interest, or that there be pregnant Presumptions of his Malice against the Person accused, *Ibid. § 10.* Witnesses are to be solemnly purged of Malice, Bribe or good Deed, or partial Council. *Ibid. §. 11.* The Witnesses are to be sworn and examined in presence of the accused Party, if comparing, and he may desire such pertinent Questions, or Cross Questions to be proposed to the Witnesses, as may tend to his Exculpation, but he is not to interrupt the Witnesses, or speak during the Time of their deponing. *Ibid. §. 12.* If Witnesses cannot subscribe, the Clerk is to mark that they declare that they cannot write, and the Moderator is to subscribe, whether they can subscribe or not. *Ibid. § 14.*

**Women married**, see *Absence of the Husband*,  
**Women unmarried**, see *Father.*

Lord, see *Propositions*, &c.

Worship secret and private, see *Directory for Worship, Impiety, Remedies of Sins*, and there, *Domestick Remedy*, 2. *Family Exercise*, *Prophaneness*, Act 1. *Innovations in Worship*, *Directory for Worship, Universities*, Act 4.

I. THAT every Minister, besides his Pains on the Lord's Day, shall have weekly Catechising of some Part of the Parish, and not altogether cast off the Examination of the People, till a little before the Communion: Also, That in every Family the Worship of God be erected where it is not, both Morning and Evening; and that the Children and Servants be catechised at Home by the Masters of Families; whereof Account shall be taken by the Minister and Elders assisting him in the Visitation of every Family: And, lest they fail, That Visitation of the several Kirks be seriously followed by every Presbytery for this End, amongst others; the Execution and Success whereof being tried by the Synods, to be represented to the General Assembly. *Act Aug. 30. 1639.*

II. THE following Rules and Directions, for cherishing of Piety, and preventing Division and Schism, are approved; and Ministers and Ruling Elders in each Congregation appointed to take Care, that they be observed and followed: As likewise, That Presbyteries and Provincial Synods enquire and make Trial, whether they be duly observed in their Bounds; and to reprove and censure, according to the Quality of the Offence, such as shall be found reprobable or censurable therein. And Ministers and Ruling Elders are appointed to make diligent Search and Enquiry, in the Congregations committed to their Charge *respective*, whether there be amongst them any Family or Families, which use to neglect the necessary Duty of Family-worship: And if any such Family be found, That the Head of that Family be first admonished privately, to amend that Fault; and in case of his continuing therein, he is to be gravely and sadly reprov'd by the Session: After which Reproof, if he be found still to neglect Family-worship, That, for his Obstinacy in such an Offence, he be suspended and debarred



barred from the Lord's Supper, as being justly esteemed unworthy to communicate therein, till he amend. *Follow the Directions.* The Assembly finds it expedient and necessary, That besides the publick Worship in Congregations, mercifully established in this Land in great Purity, Secret Worship of each Person alone, and private Worship in Families be press'd and set up; that with National Reformation, the Profession and Power of Godliness both personal and domestick be advanced. And *1mo.* For Secret Worship, That every one, apart and by themselves, be given to Prayer and Meditation Morning and Evening, and at other Occasions; That Pastors, within their several Charges, press Persons of all Sorts to perform this Duty; And that the Head of every Family have a Care, that both themselves, and all within their Charge be daily diligent therein. *2do.* The ordinary Duties comprehended within the Exercise of Piety, which should be in Families, when they are convened for that Effect, are these: First, Prayer and Praises, performed with a special Reference, as well to the publick Condition of the Kirk of God and this Kingdom, as to the present Case of the Family and every Member thereof. Next, Reading of Scriptures, with Catechising in a plain Way; with Godly Conference, and with Admonition and Rebuke, upon just Reasons, from those who have Authority in the Family. *3tio.* That the holy Scriptures be read ordinarily to the Family, and that thereafter they confer, and, by way of Conference, make some good Use of what hath been read and heard; as for Example, If any Sin be reprov'd in the Word read, Use may be made thereof, to make all the Family circumspect and watchful against the same: Or, If any Judgment be threatned, or mentioned to have been inflicted in that Portion of Scripture which is read; Use may be made, to make all the Family fear, lest the same, or a worse Judgment befall them, unless they beware of the Sin that procured it. And finally, If any Duty be required, or Comfort held forth in a Promise; Use may be made, to stir up themselves to employ *Christ* for Strength to enable them for doing the commanded Duty, and to apply the offered Comfort. In all which, the Master of the Family is to have the chief Hand. And any Member of the Family may propound a Question, or Doubt for Solution; but that none take upon him to



to interpret the holy Scriptures, but he that is duly called thereto by God and the Kirk; it being a Part of the Charge and Office of the Ministerial Calling. 450. The Head of the Family is to take Care, that none withdraw himself from any Part of Family-worship. That Ministers stir up such Heads of Families as are lazy, and train up such as are weak, to a Fitness for these Exercises; it being always free to Persons of Quality, to entertain One approved by the Presbytery, for performing Family-Exercises: And other Families, where the Head of the Family is unfit, that one constantly residing in the Family, approved by the Minister and Session, be employed in that Service, wherein the Minister and Session are to be accountable to the Presbytery. And if a Minister, by Divine Providence, be brought to any Family, That he convey the whole Family for Worship, excluding none, except in singular Cases. 510. That no Idler, who hath no particular Calling, or vagrant Person, under Pretence of a Calling, be suffered to perform Worship in Families. 610. & 712mo. That each Family keep by themselves at Family-worship; neither requiring, inviting, nor admitting Persons from diverse Families, unless it be those who are lodged with them; or at Meal, or otherwise with them upon some lawful Occasion. 8avo. On the Lord's Day, after every Family apart, and the whole Family together have sought the Lord to fit them for the publick Worship, and bless to them the publick Ordinances; the Master of the Family is to take Care, that all under his Charge repair to the publick Worship; and that being finished, after Prayer, he should take an Account of what they have heard, and thereafter spend the rest of the Time which they may spare in Catechising, and in spiritual Conferences upon the Word of God; or else, going apart, they ought to apply themselves to Reading, Meditation and secret Prayer. 9no. So many as can conceive Prayer, ought to make use of the Gift of God, albeit those who are rude and weaker may begin with a *Set Form* of Prayer; but so as they be not sluggish, in stirring up in themselves the Spirit of Prayer; and in the mean time, that these Materials of Prayer be meditated upon, and made use of, as follows. Let them confess their Unworthiness and Unfitness for Worship, and therefore ask of God the Spirit of Prayer; confess their Sins, and the Sins of the Family, accusing, judging and

and condemning themselves for them, until they bring their Souls to some Measure of true Humiliation for them. They are to pour out their Souls to God, in the Name of *Christ*, by the Spirit, for Forgiveness of Sins, for Grace to repent, believe, and to live soberly, righteously and godly; and that they may serve God with Joy and Delight, walking before him: They are to thank God for his Mercies to his People, and to themselves; especially for his Love in *Christ*, and for the Light of the Gospel. They are to pray for such particular Benefits Spiritual and Temporal, as they stand in need of for the Time. They ought to pray for the Kirk of *Christ* in general, for all the Reformed Kirks, and for this Kirk in particular; for all that suffer for the Name of *Christ*; for all our Superiors; for the King's Majesty, &c. for the Magistrates, Ministers, and whole Body of the Congregation whereof they are Members; for their Neighbours, absent and at Home: They are to close with an earnest Desire, That God may be glorified in the Coming of the Kingdom of his Son, and in the doing of his Will; and with Assurance that themselves are accepted, and what they have asked according to his Will, shall be done. 10mo. These Exercises ought to be performed in great Sincerity, without Delay, laying aside all Exercises of worldly Business or Hindrances: And to this Effect, Persons of Eminency, and all Elders of the Kirk, ought not only to stir up themselves and Families to Diligence therein; but also to concur effectually, that in all other Families where they have Power and Charge, the said Exercises be conscientiously performed. 11mo. Besides the ordinary Duties which are above mentioned, extraordinary Duties, both of Humiliation and Thanksgiving, are to be carefully performed in Families, when the Lord, by extraordinary Occasions, private or publick, calleth for them. 12mo. Every Member of the Kirk ought to stir up themselves, and one another, in the Duties of mutual Edification, by Instruction, Admonition, Rebuke, and Exhortation to Duty, by comforting the feeble-minded, and praying with, or for one another: Which Duties respectively are to be performed upon several Occasions, offered by Divine Providence; as namely, when under Calamity, Cross or great Difficulty, Council or Comfort is sought; or an Offender is to be reclaimed by private Admonition; or, if that be not effectual, by joining one or two more in the Admonition, according to the Rule

of *Christ*. 13<sup>th</sup>. That Persons troubled in Conscience, finding no Ease after the Use of all ordinary Means, private and publick, have their Address to their own Pastor, or some experienced Christian: But if the Person troubled in Conscience be of that Condition, or of that Sex, that Discretion, Modesty, or Fear of Scandal requireth a godly, grave and secret Friend to be present with them in their said Address; 'tis expedient that such a Friend be present. 14<sup>th</sup>. When Persons of diverse Families do meet Abroad upon their particular Vocations, or any necessary Occasions, they ought to take care, that the Duties of Prayer and Thanksgiving be performed, by such as the Company shall judge fittest; and that they use no corrupt, but edifying Communication. See these Directions more fully in *Seff*. 19. Aug. 24. *Ass*. 1647.

III. 'Tis recommended to Ministers and Elders in each Congregation, to take Care that the Worship of God, and Calling upon his Name be daily performed in all Families: And the Act of Assembly 1694, made against Prophaneness, which recommends, That none be Ruling Elders who make not Conscience of this unquestionable Duty, is renewed and confirmed: (which see in *Prophaneness*) And 'tis appointed, That in case any Elder or Deacon shall neglect to worship God in their Families, by themselves or Others appointed for that Effect; That they be seriously admonished to amend; and, if Need be, rebuked for the same: And if, notwithstanding of Admonitions and Rebukes of the Minister and other Elders, any Elder or Deacon continue obstinate in their Neglect; That such Elder or Deacon be removed from his Office by the Presbytery. *Act* 7. *Ass*. 1697.

IV. 'Tis seriously recommended to Presbyteries, to use their utmost Endeavours that the Worship of God be set up and performed in all its Parts, in the Families within their Bounds, according to the former Acts of Assembly, and Directions given concerning the same. *Act* 7. *Ass*. 1711.

Worship publick, see *Lord's Supper*, *Act* 2. *Kirks*, *Act* 2.

I. EVERY Minister is charged to be diligent in fulfilling his Ministry; to be holy and grave in his Conversation; to be faithful in Preaching, declaring the whole Council of God, as he has Occasion from the Text of Scripture; to reprove the Sins and Errors, and press the

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Duties of the Time ; and in all these, to observe the Rules prescribed by the Acts of the General Assembly : And if he be negligent therein, That he be censured by his own Presbytery. As also, Every Member in every Congregation, is ordained to keep his own Parish-Kirk, to communicate therein in the Word and Sacraments, except in urgent Cases, made known to, and approved by the Presbytery ; otherwise, that the Ministers of these Congregations whereto they resort, do both in publick, by Preaching, and in private, by Admonition, shew their Dislike of their Withdrawing from their own Ministers : And the Ministers of that Congregation from which they do withdraw, shall labour, first by private Admonition, to reclaim them ; and if they amend not, shall delate them to the Session, who shall cite and censure them, as Contemners of the comely Order of the Kirk ; and if the Matter be not taken Order with there : That it be brought to the Presbytery : For the better observing whereof, That the Presbyteries, at the Visitation of their several Kirks, and Provincial Assemblies, in the Censure of the several Presbyteries, shall enquire thereanent : Which Enquiry and Report shall be registrate in the Provincial Books, that their Diligence may be seen in the General Assembly. *Sess.* 19. Aug. 24. *Ass.* 1647.

II. 'Tis recommended to Persons of all Ranks to forbear Bowing, or other Expressions of Civil Respect, and Entertaining one another with Discourses while Divine Worship is performing, and holy Ordinances are dispensing : And that, as to this Matter, People carefully observe what is enjoined in the First Head of the Assembly's Directory for the publick Worship of God in this Church. *Act* 4. *Ass.* 1709. *Nota,* The Directory is ratified by *Ass.* *Sess.* 10. February 3. *Ass.* 1645. Which see in *Directory for Worship.*

Y.

Yearly General Assemblies, see *Assemblies,*

*Act* 2. *Evils of the Kirk.*

Young Men, see *Ministry.*

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## Sabbath-Day.

**T**HAT whatsoever Person or Persons, after the Date of this Act, should be found guilty of keeping of *Sabbath-day* and other superstitious Days, be proceeded against by Kirk-censures, and shall make publick Repentance therefore, in the Face of the Congregation where the Offence is committed: And that Presbyteries and Provincial Synods take particular Notice, how Ministers try and censure Delinquents of this Kind within the several Parishes: And Scholars or Students, being found guilty, be severely disciplined and chastised therefore by their Master: And in case the Masters of Schools or Colleges be accessory to the said superstitious Prophanity, by their Connivance, granting of Liberty of Vacancy to their Scholars at that Time, or any Time thereafter in Compensation thereof; that the Masters be summoned by the Ministers of the Place, to compare before the next ensuing General Assembly, there to be censured according to their Trespas: And if Scholars, being guilty, refuse to submit themselves to Correction, or be Fugitives from Discipline; That they be not received in any other Schools or Colleges within Scotland. *Act Sess. ult. Feb. 13. 1643.*

## Z.

*Zetland Presbytery, see Caithness, Commissions of Assemblies, &c. Act 22. Orkney.*

**I.** **T**HIS declared and ordained, That the whole Ministers and Elders of the Presbytery of *Zetland* shall not be tied, after the Date of this Act, to come to the Meetings of the Provincial of *Caithness*; but that the Half of the Number of the Ministers of that Isle, with their Ruling Elders, shall be only obliged to keep the Meetings of the said Provincial Assembly in Time coming; in respect of the great Distance of that Isle from the Land, and the Uncertainty and Dangerousness of the Passage from and to the same. *Act Sess. 2. August 16. 1647.*

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II. THE Presbytery of Zetland is disjoined from the Provincial of Caithness and Orkney, and the said Presbytery subordinated immediately to the General Assembly; for which Cause, their Commissioners are to be sent to each Assembly the more carefully: And 'tis recommended to them, That they send to the next Assembly a particular Information of the Quality and Condition of all their Kirks, according to the Direction of the Act of the preceeding Assembly. Sess. 27. entituled, *Act for Pressing and Furthering the Planting of Kirks*, Which see in *Plantation of Kirks*. *Act Sess. 25. Aug. 9. Ass. 1648.*

Zulle-day, see Tule-day.

F I N I S.



# ERRATA.

Page 11. Line 11. for *fall*, Read *fail*. P. 18. L. 4.  
 for *Remedy*; 3. R. *Remedy* 3; P. 31. § 2. L. 15.  
 for *fall upon*, R. *fill up*. P. 47. L. ult. for *Supra*, R. *Infra*.  
 P. 77. § 5. L. 8. for *their*, R. *the*. P. 81. § 3. L. 3. for  
 24. R. 25. P. 87. L. 3. for § 7. R. § 8. P. 111.  
 L. 26. after *Neighbours*, add §. P. 164. L. 2. add *Act*  
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# List of all the Parishes and Presbyteries OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND,

According to the ORDER of the several **SYNODS** thereof.

## I. The Provincial Synod of Lothian and Tweddale. Seven Presbyteries.

### 1 Presbytery of Edinburgh. Ministers 32.

Churches.	Ministers.	Churches.	Ministers.
<b>E</b> dinburgh.			
New Church.	2	South Leith.	2
Old Church.	2	Canongate.	2
Tolbooth Church.	2	Duddingstoun.	1
Grayfryers Church.	2	Libertoun.	1
College Church.	2	Colingtoun.	1
Trone Church.	2	Currie.	1
Lady Yester's Church.	1	Kirknewtoun.	1
New North Church.	2	Ratho.	1
Castle Church.	1	Corstorphine.	1
West Church.	2	Cramond.	1
North Leith.	1	Professor of Divinity.	1

### 2. Presbytery of Linlithgow. Ministers 20.

<b>L</b> inlithgow.	2	Slamanan.	1
Kirklistoun.	1	Bathgate.	1
Dalmeny.	1	Livingstone.	1
Queensferry.	1	Uphall or Strathbrock.	1
Abercorn.	1	Torphichen.	1
Ecclesmachan.	1	West Calder.	1
Carriodin.	1	Mid-Calder.	1
Borrowstouness.	1	East-Calder.	1
Falkirk.	1		
Morvingide.	1		

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### 3. Presbytery of *Biggar*. Ministers 12.

<b>B</b> iggar.	1	Lamingtoun.	1
Skirling.	1	Symmington.	1
Broughtoun.	1	Covington.	1
Glenquhomj	1	Quothquen & Libertoun.	1
Kilbocho.	1	Walstoun.	1
Culter.	1	Dolphingtoun.	1

### 4. Presbytery of *Peebles*. Ministers 13.

<b>P</b> eebles.	1	Traquair and Kaylie.	1
Lintoun.	1	Kirkcurd.	1
Drummelzier.	1	Henderlethen.	1
Tweedsmuir.	1	Mannor.	1
Dawick.	1	Ecclestown.	1
Linn.	1	Newlands.	1
Stobo.	1		

### 5. Presbytery of *Dalkeith*. Ministers 17.

<b>D</b> alkeith.	1	Pennycook.	1
Lasswade.	1	Heriot.	1
Glencorse.	1	Borthwick.	1
Newbottle.	1	Fallow.	1
Carringtoun.	1	Cockpen.	1
Temple.	1	Newtoun.	1
Crighetoun.	1	Musselburgh & Inverask.	2
Cranstoun.	1	Ormistoun.	1

### 6. Presbytery of *Haddingtoun*. Ministers 16.

<b>H</b> addingtoun.	2	Gladsmuir.	1
Tranent.	1	Yester.	1
Salt-Prestoun.	1	Bara and Garvat.	1
Aberlady.	1	Athelstane-Foord.	1
Bolton.	1	Dirltoun.	1
Saltoun.	1	North-Berwick.	1
Humbie.	1	Morum.	1
Pancatland.	1		

### 7. Presbytery of *Dumbar*. Ministers 10.

<b>D</b> umbar.	1	Stentoun.	1
Cockburnspath.	1	Whitekirk.	1
Innerwick.	1	Tynninghame,	1
		Prestoun.	

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Prestoun Church	I	Whittinghame	I
Spott.	I	Old-Hamstocks.	I

## II. The Provincial Synod of Merse and Teviotdale. Six Presbyteries.

### I. Presbytery of Dunse. Ministers. 10.

Dunse.	I	Longformacus and El-	I
Eccles.	I	lonfoord.	I
Langtoun.	I	St. Bathans and Abbay.	I
Prestoun and Bunkle.	I	Cranshaws.	I
Fogo.	I	Greenlaw.	I
Polwarth.	I		

### 2. Presbytery of Chirnside. Ministers 14.

Chirnside.	I	Airtoun.	I
Edrom.	I	Whitsum.	I
Hiltoun.	I	Fulden.	I
Lendal.	I	Mordingtoun and La-	I
Swintoun.	I	mertoun.	I
Sympron.	I	Huttun and Fiffick.	I
Coldinghame.	I	Lady-Kirk & Hornden.	I
Eymouth.	I		

### 3. Presbytery of Kelfo. Ministers 9.

Kelfo.	I	Yetholm.	I
Sproustoun.	I	Marbottle.	I
Stitchel and Hume.	I	Ednam.	I
Roxburgh.	I	Mackerstoun.	I
Lintoun.	I		

### 4. Presbytery of Jedburgh. Ministers. 16.

Jedburgh.	I	Cavers.	I
Bedrule.	I	Kirkcoun.	I
Abbotsrule.	I	Wiltoun.	I
Eckfoord.	I	Minto.	I
Hawick.	I	Ancrum.	I
Hownam.	I	Crellen and Nisbet.	I
Southden.	I	Oxnam.	I
Hopkirk.	I	Cassiltoun.	I

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### 5. Presbytery of *Erskintoun.* Ministers 10.

<b>E</b> Rskintoun.	1	Legerwood.	1
Stow.	1	Lauder.	1
Gordon.	1	Nenthorn.	1
Westruther.	1	Mertoun.	1
Smelholm.	1	Channellkirk.	1

### 6. Presbytery of *Selkirk.* Ministers 11.

<b>S</b> Elkirk.	1	Lilliaslife.	1
Melrofs.	1	Bowdoun.	1
Yarrow.	1	Maxtoun.	1
Askirk.	1	St. Boswells.	1
Ettrick.	1	Galasheils	1
Roberton.	1		

## III. The Provincial Synod of *Drumfreis.* Four Presbyteries.

### 1. Presbytery of *Middlebee.* Ministers 13.

<b>M</b> iddlebee.	1	Hoddam	1
Stable-Gordon.	1	Cannabee.	1
Eathfdalmuir.	1	Dornick.	1
Annan.	1	Kirkpatrick-fleming.	1
Graitney.	1	Wauchop.	1
Westerkirk.	1	Ewes.	1
Longhom & Halfmorton.	1		

### 2. Presbytery of *Lochmaben.* Ministers 15.

<b>L</b> Ochmaben.	1	Moffat.	1
Applegirth.	1	Wamphrey.	1
Drysdale.	1	Cummertrees.	1
Tindergirth.	1	Daltoun.	1
Kirkmichael.	1	Ruthwell.	1
Huttoun.	1	St. Mungo.	1
Johnstoun.	1	Mouswell.	1
Kirkpatrick-juxta.	1		

### 3. Presbytery of *Drumfreis.* Ministers. 18.

<b>D</b> rumfreis.	2	Thorthorald.	1
Kirkmah.	1	Holywood.	1
Tinwald and Trailflat.	1	Irongray.	1

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Troquire,	I	Kirkgunion.	I
New-Abbey.	I	Terreagles,	I
Kirkbean.	I	Kirkpatrick-durham.	I
Lochrutton.	I	Cowan,	I
Dunscoir.	I	Carlaverock.	I
Orr.	I		

### 4. Presbytery of *Penpont*. Ministers 9.

<b>P</b> enpont.	I	Derisdier.	I
Glencairn,	I	Kirkbride,	I
Keir.	I	Sanquhair.	I
Tinrom.	I	Closeburn,	I
Mortoun.	I		

## IV. The Provincial Synod of *Galloway*. Three Presbyteries..

### 1. Presbytery of *Kirkcudbright*. Ministers 16.

<b>K</b> irkcudbright.	I	Girtoun.	I
Borgue.	I	Toungland,	I
Balmacellan.	I	Twynam.	I
Rerick.	I	Balmaghie.	I
Anwoth.	I	Buttle.	I
Corfmichael.	I	Dalry.	I
Partoun.	I	Kells.	I
Keltoun.	I	Kersfern,	I

### 2. Presbytery of *Wigtoun*. Ministers 10.

<b>W</b> igtoun.	I	Mochrum.	I
Pennyngham,	I	Kirkowan.	I
Whithorn.	I	Kirkiuder.	I
Sorby,	I	Glastertoun.	I
Monygaff,	I	Kirkmabreck,	I

### 3. Presbytery of *Stranraer*. Ministers 11.

<b>S</b> tranraer.	I	Kirkmaiden.	I
Lefwalt,	I	Ballantree.	I
Inch.	I	Glenluce.	I
Portpatrick.	I	New Glenluce.	I
Stonykirk.	I	Calmunel.	I
Kirkcolm,	I		



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## **V. Provincial Synod of Glasgow and Air. Seven Presbyteries.**

### **1. Presbytery of Air. Ministers 28.**

<b>A</b> Ir and Alloway.	2	Torbolton.
Monktoun and } Prestick. }	1	Stair.
	1	Dalrymple.
Dundonald.	1	Cultoun.
Symington.	1	St. Quivox.
Craigie.	1	Kirkmichael.
Riccartoun.	1	Mayboll.
Gallstoun.	1	Girvan.
Sorn and Dalgean.	1	Straiton.
Mauchlin.	1	Barr.
Auchinleck.	1	Kirk-oswald.
Cumnock.	1	Daley.
New Cumnock.	1	Muirkirk of Kyle.
Ochiltree.	1	Dalmellington.

### **2. Presbytery of Irvine. Ministers 18.**

<b>I</b> rvine.	1	Kilbirny.
Dreghorn & Pearstoun.	1	Dalry.
Kilmaurs.	1	Steenstoun.
Kilmarnock.	2	Ardrossen.
Finwick.	1	Kilbride.
Lowdown.	1	Largs.
Dunlop.	1	Kilwinning.
Beath.	1	Cambry.
Stewartoun.	1	

### **3. Presbytery of Paisley. Ministers 16.**

<b>P</b> aisley.	2	Houftoun.
Renfrew.	1	Killellan.
Eastwood.	1	Erskine.
Merns.	1	Kilmacolm.
Neilstoun.	1	Port-Glasgow.
Lochennoch.	1	Greenock.
Kilbarchan.	1	Innerkip.
Inchennan.	1	

### **4. Presbytery of Hamilton. Ministers 16.**

<b>H</b> amilton.	2	Glasford.
Blantyre.	1	Straven.
Kilbride.	1	Stonehouse.

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Air.

Dalserff.	1	New-Monkland.	1
Cambusnetham.	1	Bothwell.	1
Shotts.	1	Cambusslang.	1
Old-Monkland.	2	Dalziel.	1

## 5. Presbytery of *Lanerk.* Ministers 14.

<b>L</b> Anerk.	1	Carnwath.	1
Carlouck.	1	Dunsyre.	1
Carstares	1	Pitteneen.	1
Carmichael.	1	Wistoun.	1
Roberton.	1	Crawfordmuir.	1
Douglafs.	1	Crawford-john.	1
Lefmahago.	2		

## 6. Presbytery of *Glasgow.* Ministers 19.

<b>I</b> Nner High-Church.	1	Egilsname.	1
Outer Church.	1	Cathcart.	1
New, or Black- friar-Church.	3	Govan.	1
Laigh or Tron- Church.	3	Calder.	1
The Wynd.	1	Kilsyth.	1
New Church.	1	Kirkintilloch.	1
Barony-Church.	1	Campsy.	1
Rutherglen.	1	Cumbernauld.	1
Carmunnock.	1	The Principal.	1
		The Professor of Di- vinity.	3

## 7. Presbytery of *Dumbarton.* Ministers 17.

<b>D</b> Umbarton.	1	Killearn.	1
Rosneth.	1	Strathblean.	1
Cardross.	1	Old Kirkpatrick.	1
Row.	1	Balfrone.	1
Lufs.	1	Buchanan.	1
Bonhill.	1	New Kirkpatrick.	1
Kilmarnock.	1	Drymen.	1
Fintry.	1	Tarbat & Arochare.	1
Badernock.	1		

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**VI. The Provincial Synod of Argyl.**  
Five Presbyteries.

**1. Presbytery of Dunoon. Ministers 8.**

<b>D</b> unoon and Kilmun. 1	Kilmaglass and Kilmory. 1
Innerchallan. 1	Lochgoylside & Kilmorik. 1
Kilmodden. 1	Rothelay in Bute. 1
Kilfynan. 1	Kingairth. 1

**2. Presbytery of Kilmory of Campbeltoun. Ministers 11**

<b>C</b> ampbeltoun. 2	Kilmorie in Arran. 1
Southend. 1	Killarow in Ilay. 1
Glenfaddle, Kelbon, } and Cardak. 1	Kilveny and Kildal- } town in Ilay. 1
Kilhalmunnell & Kilberry. 1	Colonsay and Jura. 1
Kilbride in Arran. 1	Ghigha. 1

**3. Presbytery of Inverary. Ministers 9.**

<b>I</b> nverary. 2	Kilchrenan, and Dala- } veth and Inshan. 1
Clachandyfert. 2	Craignish. 1
Kilmartine. 1	South Knapdale. 1
Kirkmichael of Glasfric } and Killenewer. 1	North Knapdale. 1

**4. Presbytery of Lorn or Kilmore. Ministers 13.**

<b>K</b> ilmore and Kilbride. 1	Kilmelfort & Kilmelfort. 1
Kilbranden, } Lung, and Seil. 1	Kilninvar and Mel- } foord in Mull. 1
Ardchattan, & Kil- } lasbing Kirril and } Muckairn. 1	I-corm-kill & Kilmuchen. 1
Lismore. 1	Cole and Tirie. 1
Kilmichen, Kilvick- } kenen, Perigown } and Lochbowie. 1	Lochaber and Kilmaly. 1
Ardnamurchan, Sun- } nard, Moydart & } Arisaig. 1	Morvern, Kilcalum- } kill and Kilmaig. 1
	Inverlochry. 1

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### 5. Presbytery of Skye. Ministers 12.

<b>N</b> Orth-Uist.	1	Gilchrist or Strath-	3
South-Uist, Bara, 2	1	wardle, Egga, Canna,	1
and Benbecula. 3		Roum and Mucka.	1
Eynard.	1	Harris, Lewis, Uig and 3	1
Kilmure in Trotternish.	1	Barvos.	1
Duirnes and Waternish.	1	Glenelg, Knoydart and 7	1
Snizort, Rasay and Lindal	1	Morhir.	1
Eye or Nish, & Braccadele	1	Hirta, <i>alias</i> S. Kilday.	1
Starnway.	1		

## VII. Provincial Synod of Perth and Stirling. Five Presbyteries.

### 1. Presbytery of Dunkeld. Ministers 20.

<b>D</b> unkeld.	1	Kilmichael in Straerds.	1
Auchtergaven.	1	Kinleaven.	1
Monedie.	1	Killin.	1
Eogierate.	1	Doull.	1
Little Dunkeld,	1	Ratray.	1
Keppeth.	1	Fortingill.	1
Weem.	1	Lethandie.	1
Kendmore	1	Gargill.	1
Blair-Athol.	1	Kinloch.	1
Mouling.	1	Clunie.	1

### 2. Presbytery of Perth. Ministers 22.

<b>P</b> erth Old Church, 2	3	Arngosk.	1
New Church 3	3	Rhinde,	1
Dumbarnie.	1	Kinfauns.	1
Abernethie.	1	Errol.	1
Dron.	1	Kilspindie.	1
Kinnoul.	1	St. Madois.	1
St. Martine's.	1	Tippermuir.	1
Scoon.	1	Collesse.	1
Aberdalgie.	1	Forgondenny.	1
Methven.	1	Fort-Teviot.	1
Rogortoun,	1		

### 3. Presbytery of Dumblane. Ministers 12

<b>D</b> umblane.	1	Callendar.	1
Kilmadock.	1	Kippen.	1
		Port	



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Port	1	Kincardine.	1
Leckrop.	1	Tulliallan.	1
Aberfoyle.	1	Tillicultrie.	1
Balquhidder.	1	Logie.	1

### 4. Presbytery of *Stirling*. Ministers 11.

<b>S</b> Stirling.	2	Bothkennar.	1
St. Ninian's.	1	Dollar.	1
Lerbert and Dunnipace.	1	Alva.	1
Airth.	1	Alloa and Tillibody.	1
Gargunnoch.	1	Clackmannan.	1

### 5. Presbytery of *Auchterarder*. Ministers 15.

<b>A</b> Auchterarder.	1	Creiff.	1
Dunning.	1	Monyvaird and Strowan.	1
Munnie.	1	Comerie.	1
Foffoway and Tilliboll.	1	Trinity-Gask.	1
Blackfoord.	1	Gask.	1
Muthill.	1	Glendovan.	1
Matherty.	1	Muckart.	1
Foullis.	1		

## VIII. The Provincial Synod of *Fife*. Four Presbyteries.

### 1. The Presbytery of *Dumfermling*. Ministers 14.

<b>D</b> Dumfermling.	2	Kinross.	1
Culross.	2	Orwell.	1
Torryburn.	1	Beath.	1
Saline.	1	Inverkeithing.	1
Cleish.	1	Dalgety.	1
Carnock.	1	Aberdour.	1

### 2. Presbytery of *Kirkcaldie*. Ministers 17.

<b>K</b> Kirkcaldie.	2	Ballingrie.	1
Kingorn.	1	Wemyss.	1
Burntisland.	1	Lesly.	1
Abbotshall.	1	Portmoak.	1
Dysart.	2	Scoonie.	1
Auchtertoole.	1	Markinch.	1
Kinglassie.	1	Kennoway.	1
Auchterderren.	1		

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### 3. Presbytery of *Coupar*. Ministers 20.

<b>C</b> oupar.	2	Monymail.	I
Kettle.	I	Dunboig.	I
Falkland.	I	Coleffie.	I
Dairfey.	I	Moonzie.	I
Cults.	I	Balmerino.	I
Auchtermuchty.	I	Kilmenie.	I
Strathmiglo.	I	Ceres.	I
Abdie.	I	Creich.	I
Newburgh.	I	Logie.	I
Flisk.	I		

### 4. Presbytery of *St. Andrew's*. Ministers 23.

<b>S</b> T. Andrew's.	3	Newburn.	I
St. Leonard's.	I	Largo.	I
Deninno.	I	Ely.	I
Kingsbarns.	I	St. Monan's.	I
Kilreny.	I	Cameron.	I
Crail.	I	Kemback.	I
Anstruther-easter.	I	Leuchars.	I
Anstruther-wester.	I	Forgon.	I
Pittenweem.	I	Ferry-parton-craigs.	I
Carnbee.	I	Principal of the New	} I
Kilconquhar.	I	College.	

## IX. The Provincial Synod of *Angus* and *Mearns*. Six Presbyteries.

### 1. Presbytery of *Meegle*. Ministers 13.

<b>M</b> eehle.	I	Airlie.	I
Newtile.	I	Elfie and Nevoy.	I
Kittinness.	I	Bendochie.	I
Coupar in Angus.	I	Glen-Islay.	I
Blair-gourie.	I	Kingouthrum.	I
Allioth.	I	Ruthven.	I
Luntrethan.	I		

### 2. Presbytery of *Forfar*. Ministers. 10.

<b>F</b> orfar	I	Tannadice.	I
Kirrymuir.	I	Inverarity.	I
Cortochie and Clova.	I	Kinnertles.	I

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Dinichan.	I	Glamis.	I
Aberlenneth.	I	Redcobbie.	I

### 3. Presbytery of *Dundee*. Ministers 17.

<b>D</b> Undee old Church	} 3	Auchterhouse.	I
New Church.		Strickmartine.	I
Kinnaird.	I	Liffe.	I
Abernyte.	I	Maines.	I
Inchture and Rossie.	I	Murrays.	I
Long-Forgon.	I	Teling.	I
Benvie.	I	Monikie.	I
Lundie and Foullis.	I	Monyfeith.	I

### 4. Presbytery of *Aberbrothwick*. Ministers 11.

<b>A</b> Berbrothwick.	I	Panbride.	I
St. Vigen's	I	Kinnell.	I
Aberrelliot.	I	Kirkden.	I
Carmylie.	I	Barrie.	I
Lunan.	I	Guthrie.	I
Inverkeilor.	I		

### 5. Presbytery of *Breichen*. Ministers 18.

<b>B</b> Reichen.	2	Edzel.	I
Carraldston.	I	Lochlee and Lathnot.	I
Ferne	I	Naver.	I
Farnall.	I	Strickathrow.	I
Kinnaird.	I	Othlay.	I
Craig	I	Menmuir.	I
Montrose.	2	Marytown, or Old	} I
Dun.	I	Montrose	
Logie-Perth.	I		

### 6. Presbytery of *Fordoun*. Ministers 13.

<b>F</b> Ordoun.	I	Garvot.	I
Mary-Kirk.	I	St. Cires.	I
Laurence-Kirk.	I	Fettercairn.	I
Arbuthnot.	I	Kinnes and Caterline.	I
Bervie.	I	Dunnotar.	I
Glenbervie.	I	Fetteresso.	I
Benholm.	I		

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### X. The Provincial Synod of *Aberdeen.* Eight Presbyteries.

#### 1. Presbytery of *Aberdeen.* Ministers 23.

<b>A</b> Berdeen Old Church, N. Chur. }	4	Pintrie.	1
Old Machar	2	Belhelvie.	1
Drummaik.	1	New-Machar.	1
Peter-Coulter.	1	Newhills.	1
Mary-Coulter.	1	Nigg.	1
Banchory.	1	Kintore.	1
Skeen.	1	Futtie.	1
Kinnellar	1	Duires.	1
Dyce.	1	Principal of K's College.	1
		Profel. of Divinity there.	1

#### 2. Presbytery of *Kincardine.* Ministers 15.

<b>K</b> Incardine O Neil.	1	Glengarden, Tulloch, }	1
Tarlane & Migvie.	1	and Glenmuick.	1
Colstoun and Logymar.	1	Midmar.	1
Coull.	1	Kinnarie.	1
Aboyne and Glentanner.	1	Echt.	1
Birfs.	1	Clunie.	1
Lunfannan.	1	Banchory-Upper.	1
Crathie and Kindrochit.	1	Strachan.	1

#### 3. Presbytery of *Alfoord.* Ministers 16.

<b>A</b> lfoord	1	Kairn.	1
Touch.	1	Forbes.	1
Cushney.	1	Keig.	1
Lochell.	1	Clait.	1
Tillenelle.	1	Glenbucket.	1
Kinnethmount.	1	Cabrach.	1
Kildrummie.	1	Towie and Kinbetheck.	1
Auchindore.	1	Strathdon.	1

#### 4. Presbytery of *Garioch.* Ministers 15.

<b>C</b> Hapel of Garioch.	1	Bethelney & Old Mel- }	1
Lellie.	1	drum.	1
Premney.	1	Bourtie.	1
Inch.	1	Montkay.	1
Culfamon.	1	Kinkell.	1

Rayne.



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Rayne.	I	Inverury.	I
Oyn.	I	Kemnay.	I
Daviot.	I	Monymusk.	I

### 5. Presbytery of *Ellon*. Ministers 8.

<b>E</b> llon.	I	Udney.	I
Cruden.	I	Tarves.	I
Slaines.	I	Methlick.	I
Foverane.	I	Logy-Buchan.	I

### 6. Presbytery of *Deer*. Ministers 13.

<b>D</b> eer.	I	Longmay.	I
Peterhead.	I	Crimond.	I
Longside.	I	Tyrie.	I
Streechan.	I	Aberdour.	I
Frazersburgh.	I	Pitligo.	I
Raithen.	I	St. Fergus.	I
Auchreedy.	I		

### 7. Presbytery of *Turreff*. Ministers 11.

<b>T</b> urreff.	I	Forgue.	I
Drumblade.	I	Inverkeithnie.	I
Fyvie.	I	Ghæmrie.	I
King-Edward.	I	Alva.	I
Monwheeter.	I	Forglan.	I
Auchterlets.	I		

### 8. Presbytery of *Fordice*. Ministers 7.

<b>F</b> ordice.	I	Cullen.	I
Bamff.	I	Deskfoord.	I
Boynie.	I	Ordiwhile.	I
Raffan.	I		

## XI. The Provincial Synod of *Murray*. Five Presbyteries.

### 1. Presbytery of *Strathbogie* or *Keith*. Ministers 14.

<b>K</b> eith.	I	Gartlay.	I
Mortlich.	I	Bellie.	I
Kinnore & Dumbanen.	I	Rothiemay.	I
Rynnies & Essie.	I	Grange.	I

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Botary & Cairnie.	1	Mannor or Aberchirder.	1
Glasf.	1	Aberlour.	1
Botriffnie.	1	Boharm.	1

### 2. Presbytery of *Abernethie*. Ministers 9.

<b>A</b> Bernethie.	1	Cromdall.	1
Skirialvie.	1	Inverawin.	1
Laggan.	1	Kirkmichael.	1
Kinguiffie.	1	Knockando.	1
Duthell.	1		

### 3. Presbytery of *Elgin*. Ministers 14.

<b>E</b> Lgin.	2	Dipple.	1
Alves.	1	Longbride.	1
Spynie.	1	Birney.	1
Duffus.	1	St. Andrew's.	1
Kinneddar.	1	Roths.	1
Effil.	1	Dundorcus.	1
Urquhart.	1		

### 4. Presbytery of *Forres*. Ministers 10.

<b>F</b> Orres.	1	Aldearn.	1
Rathard.	1	Calder.	1
Eddinkilly.	1	Kinloss.	1
Dyke.	1	Ardclath.	1
Nairn.	1	Dallas.	1

### 5. Presbytery of *Inverness*. Ministers 12.

<b>I</b> Nverness, Lowland	2	Abertarff & Bolaskine.	1
Ch. Highland Ch.	3	Kiltaratie.	1
Pettie.	1	Stratherick.	1
Croy.	1	Duriss.	1
Daviot & Dunlichty.	1	Kirkhill.	1
Moy & Dalaraffie.	1		

## XII. The Provincial Synod of *Ross and Sutherland*. Four Presbyteries.

### 1. Presbytery of *Chanonrie*. Ministers 9.

<b>C</b> Hanonrie & Rose.	3	Killurnan.	1
markney.	1	Cromerty.	1
Redcastle.	1	Cullicuden.	1

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Suddle.	1	Killiemuir Easter.	1
Avach.	1	Arderfier.	1

### 2. Presbytery of Dingwall. Ministers 13.

Dingwall.	1	Kilmorock.	1
Alness.	1	Kintail.	1
Kiltearn.	1	Lochbroom.	1
Foddertie.	1	Locharron.	1
Contin.	1	Garloch.	1
Urray & Gilchrist.	1	Lochaish.	1
Urquhart.	1		

### 3. Presbytery of Tayne. Ministers 9.

Tayne.	1	Nigg.	1
Kincardine.	1	Logie-Easter.	1
Foddertoun.	1	Killimuir-Easter.	1
Tarbat.	1	Roskeen.	1
Fearn.	1		

### 4. Presbytery of Dornock. Ministers 9.

Dornock.	1	Clein.	1
Creich.	1	Loth.	1
Golfpie.	1	Rildonon.	1
Lairg.	1	Affint.	1
Rogort.	1		

## XIII. The Provincial Synod of Caithness and Orkney. Three Presbyteries.

### 1. Presbytery of Caithness or Thurso. Ministers 12.

Thurso.	1	Bow ar.	1
Leathorn.	1	Warrin.	1
Diurness.	1	Olig.	1
Farr.	1	Bunnet.	1
Reay.	1	Wick.	1
Halkrig.	1	Cannisby.	1

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### 2. Presbytery of *Kirkwall*. Ministers 12.

<b>K</b> irkwall & S. Ollay.	2	Firth & Stenness.	1
South-Ronaldshay	}	Walls & Flotta.	1
and Burray.		Hoy & Gramsey.	1
Holm.	1	Stromness & Sandwich.	1
Deerneis & St. Andrew's.	1	Birsay & Harray.	1
Orphire.	1	Evie & Rendal.	1

### 3. Presbytery of *North-Isles*, or *Eaddy*. Ministers 6.

<b>S</b> Tronsay & Edday.	1	Croskirk, Burness &	3
Shappinshay.	1	North-Ronaldshay.	1
Rowsey & Eagleshey.	1	Lady-Parish.	1
Weftray and Papay.	1		

### Presbytery of *Zetland*, or *Lerwick*. Ministers 12.

<b>L</b> erwick.	1	South & North Deltings.	1
Tingwall, Whit-	}	Northmaving, Ollay,	}
ness & Weesdale.		Berry, Helweek &	
Donrosness, Cunig-	}	Aishmues.	}
berg, Sandwich,		Nelting, Lenasting,	
and Fairisle.	1	Whalley & Skerries.	1
Bressay & Burray.	1	North and Mid Yell.	1
Aichsting & Sandsting.	1	South Yell & Fetlar.	1
Walls, Sandness, Papay-	}	Uist.	1
flour & Houlay.			

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